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October 26, 2009

Jim Branson  
Multifamily Division  
US Department of HUD  
Charles Bennett Federal Building  
400 W Bay Street, Suite 1015  
Jacksonville, FL 32202-1015

RE: Application for Section 202 Capital Advance (CDFA 14.157)  
Sponsor: Diocese of Venice (Dun No. 147051296)  
Project: Blessed Pope John XXIII Manor, Ft. Myers FL  
Facsimile Transmittal ID: 1253557378-5955

Dear Mr. Branson:

On behalf of the Sponsor, we are pleased to be submitting the following 202 grant application via the new online process. Per this years NOFA, applicants must designate a single individual to act as the authorized representative for the Sponsor of the application. The designated authorized representative of the organization submitting the application must be registered with Grants.gov. When the application is submitted through Grants.gov, the name of the designated authorized representative will be inserted into the signature line of the application. It should be noted that the designated authorized representative is able to make legally binding commitments for the Sponsor to the application.

Please note that the CCR Point of Contact (POC) is authorized to sign on behalf of the Sponsor and has appointed John Hazelroth, from the consulting firm JPH & Associates, Inc., to be the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and who has been authorized to submit this grant application. For all non-electronic forms, the Sponsor has elected to have these forms signed by the Board Chairman. This signature is required on Exhibit 8(f) (Conflict of Interest Form) and Exhibit 8(g) (Sponsor Commitment). Both these forms require Board action. Since board signatures are needed on these two forms, the Sponsor has elected that this same Board Chairman sign all the non-electronic forms. Having the Board Chairman sign does not, by any means, indicate that the Sponsor POC is not authorized to sign or commit on behalf of the Sponsor.

Sincerely,

John Hazelroth  
Project Consultant

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk  
Father Robert D. Tabbert

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# Part I Application

## PART I

### APPLICATION FOR SECTION 202 INDEPENDENT HOUSING – CAPITAL ADVANCE

Sponsor:	Diocese of Venice
Duns No:	147051296
EIN No:	59-2434603
Program:	HUD Section 202
CFDA No:	14.157
Project Name:	Blessed Pope John XXIII Manor Ft. Myers FL
Facsimile Transmittal ID:	1253557378-5955

# Form 92015-CA

Supportive Housing for the Elderly Section 202  
Application for Capital Advance  
Summary Information

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Housing  
Federal Housing Commissioner

OMB Approval No. 2502-0267  
(exp. 9/30/2010)

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HUD 202 Project Number

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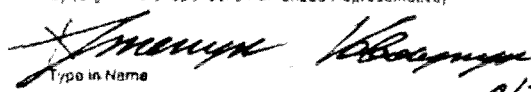
1. Sponsor's Name(s), Address(es) & Telephone Number(s) Diocese of Venice 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice, FL 34292 Attn: Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk 941-484-9543 / 941-488-2561 fax				2. Minority Sponsor Designation. A minority sponsor is one in which at least 51 percent of the board members are minority. Is this sponsor a minority applicant? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "Yes," place the numeric code as shown below in this box Codes: 2 - Black; 3 - Native American; 4 - Hispanic; 5 - Asian Pacific; 6 - Asian Indian			
1a. Sponsor is a "grassroots" organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				3b. Will project be located within the boundaries of a Federally-designated: (1) Empowerment Zone, (2) Enterprise Community, (3) Urban Enhanced Enterprise Community, (4) Strategic Planning Community, or (5) Renewal Community? (Contact local HUD Office for information on these designated areas.) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "Yes," please place the appropriate number as shown above in this box			
3a. Address of Site 13060 Palomino Lane Ft. Myers, FL 33912		5. Type of Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-metropolitan		6. Capital Advance Amount Requested \$ 9,559,800		7. Project Rental Assistance Contract Amount Requested \$ 1,002,000 (Based on 2008 Standards)	
4a. Congressional District Sponsor = 13 Site = 14		4b. Census Tract 401.08		8. Total No. of 202 Units 68		8a. Number & Type of Resident Units Proposed Efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> 68 One bedroom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Number of Buildings 1		10. Type of Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition		11. Type of Building(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Row/Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-up <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-detached <input type="checkbox"/> Detached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elevator		8b. Resident Manager's Unit (check appropriate type) Efficiency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One bedroom <input type="checkbox"/> Two bedroom	
12. Number of Stories Three (3)		13. Number of Parking Spaces 68		14. Check utilities and services not included in the rent and to be paid directly by the tenant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas			
15. Off-Site Facilities Public At Site Feet from Site Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		16a. Community Spaces to be included in Project - Community room with party kitchen - Entry lounge for conversation & waiting room - Television/lounge/reading room - Laundry facilities		16b. Mixed-Finance or Mixed-Use Project For Additional Units Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No. of Additional Units _____			
17. Unusual Site Features <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Cuts <input type="checkbox"/> Retaining Walls <input type="checkbox"/> Fill <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Foundations <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table Other (specify) _____		18. Mark one box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Representative		Name, Address & Telephone Number John Hazelroth JPH Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 948006 Maitland, FL 32794-8006 407-645-1129 / 407-645-1158 fax			
19. If Sponsor is applying for more than one HUD program from the SuperNOFA, indicate which application(s) contain the forms with original signatures. Program Name NONE							

20. Sponsor's Attorney (name, address & telephone number)

DiVito & Higham, PA  
Attn: Joe DiVito  
4514 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

(727) 321-1201 / (727) 321-5181 fax

By (Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Representative)

  
Type in Name  
Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk  
Type in Title  
Chancellor  
9/30/09  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## Part II Sponsor Experience

## PART II

### ABILITY TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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2(a) Articles of Inc.

**EXHIBIT 2(a)**  
**Articles of Incorporation**

The Sponsor is as follows: "The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice, a corporation sole." A corporation sole is not a statutory corporation. It exists under the common law doctrine that is recognized in the State of Florida by Florida Statue §2.01. Authority is referenced to Reid v. Barry, 112 So. 846 (Fla). Under the doctrine, the Bishop "solely" is the corporation and is the only interested person. Since it is not a statutory corporation, there are no Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or any directors.

There have been no changes to the corporate documents nor to the tax exempt status, or to the Sponsor, since the last application (Holy Cross Manor II, 067-EE154), which was submitted in fiscal year 2008.



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**DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**  
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May 18, 2009

Mr. James D. Branson,  
Multifamily HUB Director  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Charles Bennett Federal Building  
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015  
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**INCUMBENCY AND CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE,  
DIOCESE OF VENICE**

Re: FY-2009 Section 202 Grant Application  
Proposed Single Purpose Corp. (Pope John XXIII)  
13060 Palomino Lane  
N. Ft. Myers, Lee County, Florida

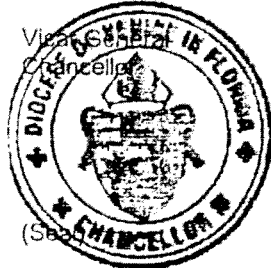
This incumbency and certification of organizational structure is furnished pursuant to your request for incumbency information regarding the Catholic Diocese of Venice. FRANK J. DEWANE, in his capacity as Bishop, holds title to real property under the doctrine of the corporation sole, for this Diocese and its Parishes, Missions, Schools and Institutions under both the Laws of the State of Florida and the Laws of the Roman Catholic Church. He is empowered under both civil and Ecclesiastical law to receive and hold title to real property and administer it for the benefit and use of each and every entity of the DIOCESE OF VENICE, which under Roman Catholic Law are established as separate juridic persons.

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Bishop Dewane has established the following officers and has delegate authority to them by virtue of Powers of Attorney, for which copies have been duly recorded in the Public Records of all ten (10) counties of the Diocese. Attached are copies of the Powers of Attorney for Lee County, which is the county for this Project.

The officers are:



Very Rev. Edward D. Moretti  
Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk



Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk, Chancellor

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SUCCESSION FOR FRANK J. DEWANE,**  
**AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF VENICE,**  
**A CORPORATION SOLE**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, VOLODYMYR SMERYK, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice, who, after being duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and states upon oath that:

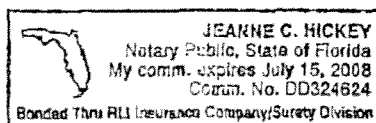
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2. On January 19, 2007, the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, in accordance with Canon Law and the appropriate rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church, succeeded Most Reverend John J. Nevins, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

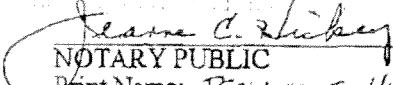
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VOLODYMYR SMERYK,  
Chancellor

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 29 day of January, 2007, by VOLODYMYR SMERYK, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice, who is personally known to me.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: JEANNE C. HICKEY  
My Commission expires: JULY 15 2008

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

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FRANK J. DEWANE, AS BISHOP OF THE  
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do hereby make, constitute and appoint

VOLODYMYR SMERYK, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice

as my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, to execute any and all instruments pertaining to real estate which may be owned by Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, including but not limited to the power to sell, lease, and conveyances of every kind, nature and description whatsoever; and to further contract, bargain and agree for the lease, purchase, exchange and acquisition of any real property; and to further execute any documents for the satisfaction or encumbrance of any real property owned by the corporation sole; and to act on behalf of and in the place of the Grantor in all matters, but without granting the power of substitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day of January, 2007.

Jolana Marie  
Print Name: Jolana Marie  
Eydie D'Arcangelo  
Print Name: EYDIE D'ARCANDELO

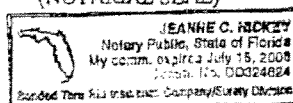
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IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year last above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



Jeanne C. Hickey  
Notary Public  
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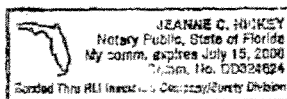
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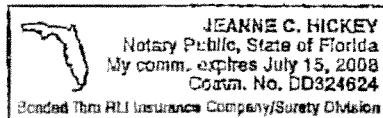
2. On January 19, 2007, the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, in accordance with Canon Law and the appropriate rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church, succeeded Most Reverend John J. Nevins, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

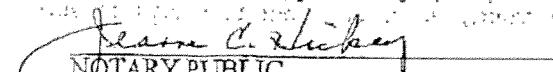
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VOLODYMYR SMERYK,  
Chancellor

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 29 day of January, 2007, by VOLODYMYR SMERYK, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice, who is personally known to me.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



  
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That I,

FRANK J. DEWANE, AS BISHOP OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VENICE, A CORPORATION SOLE

do hereby make, constitute and appoint

VOLODYMYR SMERYK, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice

as my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, to execute any and all instruments pertaining to real estate which may be owned by Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, including but not limited to the power to sell, lease, and conveyances of every kind, nature and description whatsoever; and to further contract, bargain and agree for the lease, purchase, exchange and acquisition of any real property; and to further execute any documents for the satisfaction or encumbrance of any real property owned by the corporation sole; and to act on behalf of and in the place of the Grantor in all matters, but without granting the power of substitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day of January, 2007.

Print Name: Yolanda Meane  
  
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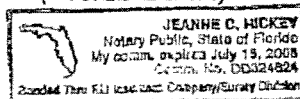
FRANK J. DEWANE, as Bishop  
of the DIOCESE OF VENICE,  
a Corporation Sole

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
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BE IT KNOWN that on the 29 day of January, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida, personally came and appeared The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the within power of attorney, and he acknowledged the within power of attorney to be his act and deed for the purposes therein stated.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day and year last above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



Notary Public  
Print Name: JEANNE C. HICKEY  
My Commission Expires: JULY 15, 2008

## 2(c) Tax Exempt Ruling

## **EXHIBIT 2(c)**

### **501(c)(3) Status**

The Sponsor is as follows: "The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice, a corporation sole." A corporation sole is not a statutory corporation. It exists under the common law doctrine that is recognized in the State of Florida by Florida Statue §2.01. Authority is referenced to Reid v. Barry, 112 So. 846 (Fla). Under the doctrine, the Bishop "solely" is the corporation and is the only interested person. Since it is not a statutory corporation, there are no Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or any directors.

There have been no changes to the corporate documents nor to the tax exempt status, or to the Sponsor, since the last application (Holy Cross Manor II, 067-EE154), which was submitted in fiscal year 2008.

The Bishop does qualify as a not-for-profit "entity", however, and the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury letter with attachments is attached herewith.

Internal Revenue Service  
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: July 1, 2008

**Person to Contact:**

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Ms. Delord Dessingue  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops  
3211 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20017-1194

Dear Ms. Dessingue:

In a ruling dated March 25, 1946, we held that the agencies and instrumentalities and all educational, charitable and religious institutions operated, supervised, or controlled by or in connection with the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories or possessions appearing in *The Official Catholic Directory* 1946, are entitled to exemption from federal income tax under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, which corresponds to section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 Code. This ruling has been updated annually to cover the activities added to or deleted from the Directory.

*The Official Catholic Directory* for 2008 shows the names and addresses of all agencies and instrumentalities and all educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated by the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories and possessions in existence at the time the Directory was published. It is understood that each of these is a non-profit organization, that no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any individual, that no substantial part of their activities is for promotion of legislation, and that none are private foundations under section 509(a) of the Code.

Based on all information submitted, we conclude that the agencies and instrumentalities and educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated, supervised, or controlled by or in connection with the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories or possessions appearing in *The Official Catholic Directory* for 2008 are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions referred to above, as provided by section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to them or for their use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

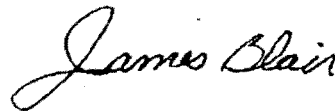
Ms. Deirdre Dessingue

Beginning January 1, 1984, unless specifically excepted, you and your subordinates must pay tax under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security taxes) for each employee who is paid \$100 or more in a calendar year, as indexed for inflation. You and your subordinates are not liable for the tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

By May 31, 2009, please send three (3) copies of *The Official Catholic Directory* for 2009 to IRS TE/GE in Cincinnati; one copy to the Processing Campus in Ogden; two copies each to the EO Area Managers in Newark, Brooklyn, Chicago, St. Paul, Atlanta, Los Angeles, the IRS National Headquarters and the Director, EO Examinations, Dallas.

The conditions concerning the retention of your group exemption as set forth in our previous determination letter of August 17, 1983, remain in full force and effect.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Blair".

for Robert Choi, Director,  
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# Diocese of Venice

(Diocesis Venetiae in Florida)

Most Reverend

FRANK J. DEWANE

Bishop of Venice, ordained July 16, 1988; appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Venice April 28, 2006; Episcopal ordination July 25, 2006; appointed Second Bishop of Venice January 19, 2007; Res. P.O. Box 2006, Venice, FL 34284-2006.



Most Reverend

JOHN J. NEVINS, D.D.

Bishop Emeritus of Venice, ordained June 6, 1969; appointed Titular Bishop of Rusticana and Auxiliary of Miami February 6, 1979; consecrated March 24, 1979; appointed First Bishop of Venice July 17, 1984; installed October 25, 1984; retired January 19, 2007. Res. P.O. Box 2006, Venice, FL 34284-2006.

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## STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

<b>Personnel</b>		<b>Lay Ministers</b>		<b>Elementary Students</b>	
Bishop	1	Welfare	74	Total Students under Catholic Instruction	11
Retired Bishops	1	Homes for the Aged	7	Teachers in the Diocese:	18
Priests: Diocesan Active in Diocese	82	Total Assisted	392	Priests	
Priests: Diocesan Active Outside Diocese	27	Day Care Centers	1	Brothers	
Priests: Retired, Sick or Absent	116	Total Assisted	96	Sisters	
Number of Diocesan Priests	89	Specialized Homes	2	Lay Teachers	
Religious Priests in Diocese	185	Total Assisted	8,833	Vital Statistics	
Total Priests in Diocese	79	Special Centers for Social Services	18	Receptions into the Church:	
Extra Priests in Diocese	92	Total Assisted	48,273	Infant Baptisms Totals	3
Permanent Deacons in Diocese	18	Educational		Minor Baptisms Totals	
Total Brothers	93	Diocesan Students in Other Seminaries	11	Adult Baptisms Totals	
Total Sisters	56	Total Seminarians	11	Received into Full Communion	3.1
<b>Parishes</b>		Colleges and Universities	1	First Communion	2.7
Parishes	56	Total Students	594	Confirmations	
With Resident Pastor:		High Schools, Diocesan and Parish	1,578	Marrriages	
Resident Diocesan Priests	42	Total Students	9	Catholic	
Resident Religious Priests	14	Elementary Schools, Diocesan and Parish	3,316	Interfaith	
Missions	18	Total Students	2	Total Marrriages	
Pastoral Centers	1	Non-residential Schools for the Disabled	120	Deaths	2.4
New Parishes Created	1	Total Students	1,124	Total Catholic Population	237.3
<b>Professional Ministry Personnel:</b>		Catechists/Religious Education		Total Population	1,998.6
Brothers	3	High School Students			
Sisters	39				

Former Bishop—Most Rev. JOHN J. NEVINS, D.D., ord. June 6, 1969; app. Titular Bishop of Rusticana and Auxiliary of Miami Feb. 6, 1979; cons. March 24, 1979; app. First Bishop of Venice July 17, 1984; installed Oct. 25, 1984; retired Jan. 19, 2007.

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## [A] COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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## [D] SCHOOLS FOR THEOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL, PASTORAL AND PERSONAL FORMATION

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## [E] MIGRANT EDUCATION

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## [F] RESIDENCES FOR THE AGED

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## 3(a) Sponsor Purpose

## **EXHIBIT 3(a)**

### **Sponsor's Purpose**

The Diocese of Venice was established October 25, 1984, is 9,035 square miles and includes the ten counties of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Glades, and Hendry, with a total population of 1,453,244.

#### **OVERVIEW OF DIOCESE**

The Diocese of Venice has 56 parishes, 198 priests, 100 sisters, and 18 brothers. There are 12 Catholic schools within the Diocese with 5,316 young people under instruction. There are two Catholic hospitals within the Diocese, both of which are owned and operated by the Bon Secours Health Systems, and two skilled-care nursing homes, one in Venice and one in Port Charlotte. There are three high schools, ten elementary schools, two special need schools and three institutions of higher education.

The parishioners of the Diocese of Venice, as of December 31, 2008, number over 190,000.

The Central Deanery, which comprises Charlotte and Lee Counties, consists of 22 parishes with a total of 72,460 parishioners.

The primary local involvement of the Sponsor will come through Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church, which is a rapidly-growing church with numerous social services and programs.

Attached is a listing of the 64 Catholic churches in the Diocesan community together with a map identifying the location of each. St. Vincent De Paul is identified as Number 29 on the attached map.

Since its establishment in 1984, the Diocese of Venice has been committed to serving those in need in the community by providing a broad range of social service/welfare programs, many of which are supplied predominantly to minority (Blacks, Hispanics, and Haitians) individuals and families. All of these programs and services are detailed in the following pages in this application.

#### **GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATION**

As with all projects sponsored by the Diocese, it is done in conjunction with a local parish. The Diocese has long realized that residents are positively impacted when associating a local church

with a housing project. The local church is able to provide support services that are located in close proximity, so that the elderly residents may utilize these.

The U.S. Department of HUD considers an organization a "grass roots organization" if the organization is headquartered in the local community to which it provides services; and,

- i) Has a social services budget of \$300,000\* or less, or
- ii) Has six or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

\* The cap includes only that portion of an organization's budget allocated to providing social services and does not include other portions of the budget such as salaries and expenses.

In the instance of the proposed applicant, this organization meets the definition of a "grass roots organization". This test is met in two distinct ways. First, the property will be located adjacent to Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. This grass roots organization serves the local community both spiritually and through the direct provision of supportive services.

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In the case of Blessed Pope John XXIII, this parish was established in 2002. The church has a variety of programs, which include;

- Thrift Store
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Hispanic Outreach
- Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church
- Knights of Columbus
- Soup Kitchen
- Edge Middle School
- High School Youth Group
- Vacation Bible Study
- Blessed Little Angels Playgroup

The church also provides a community room which is used for meetings and gatherings. This would be available for elderly residents at the proposed Section 202 project.

In addition to the local parish, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice provides numerous

programs/services throughout Lee County. Additional documentation on Catholic Charities is provided later in this exhibit.

Secondly, the Diocese of Venice can also be considered a grass roots organization. The Diocese is located in and provides direct support services to a defined service area. This local service area is confined to a multiple county region in the Gulfcoast area of Florida. When separating out its social service budget/staff, this organization also meets the HUD definition, as stated.

It is through this grass roots philosophy and organizational structure that the Sponsor has been able to effectively and efficiently serve the residents of individual communities.

#### **NON-HOUSING PROGRAMS/SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE**

In addition to the housing facilities, the Diocese oversees many other programs and/or facilities. The following is a list of programs and/or facilities of the Diocese of Venice.

- Campus Ministry Office
- Father William S. Balfe Memorial Library
- Haitian Ministry
- Hispanic Apostolates
- HIV/AIDS Ministry
- Migrant Education
- Ministry to Blacks
- Office of Family Life
  - Haitian
  - Laity
  - Older Catholics
  - Peace & Justice
  - Persons with Disabilities
  - Scouting
- Office of Prison Ministries
- Office of Youth Ministry
- Older Catholic Ministry
- Pastoral Ministries
  - Bereavement
  - Charismatic
  - Critical Concerns
  - Divorced or Separated
- Scouting Office
- St. Vincent de Paul

- Various High School and Grade Schools

Many of these programs/services are coordinated through Catholic Charities.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The social service arm of the Diocese of Venice is Catholic Charities. The thrust of Catholic Charities is to promote the dignity of every human person who resides within the five-county area of this Diocese by implementing the social dimension of the gospels through the delivery of human services, social advocacy, and convening.

During the year 2008, Catholic Charities provided social services to over 48,000 people in the ten-county Diocese of Venice area. The daunting task of serving needy children, struggling families, lonely elderly, migrant workers and their families, is accomplished by the hard work of a small but committed professional staff supported by a corps of dedicated volunteers and the assistance of thousands of donors, benefactors and friends. Last year's accomplishments included:

- Assisted 27,467 individuals in economic hardship by providing social services including direct assistance, food, clothing, prescription medicines, and case management.
- Promoted freedom of opportunity for 4,227 immigrants and migrants by assisting them with the compliance of U.S. Government regulations.
- Offered educational support to 694 children and 349 adults through one-on-one tutoring and group classes.
- Provided hurricane-related assistance to 611 families devastated by Hurricane Fay.
- Sponsored 245 refugees and their families in their resettlement in Southwest Florida, 83 refugee youth with mentoring services, and provided job training and placement for 2,679 refugees.
- Provided professional, compassionate HIV/AIDS supportive services and education to 818 infected clients and family members.
- Encouraged 989 birth mothers, homeless moms and their children on the road to self-sufficiency.
- Dispensed affordable, professional counseling and addiction services for 1,227 individuals and families in crisis.
- Provided home ownership classes, and housing and foreclosure counseling to 315 families.
- Offered elderly outreach to 262 clients.
- Ensured quality day care and early learning experiences for 49 struggling families.
- Provided affordable housing to 20 mothers and 23 infants/toddlers and 14 HIV/AIDS clients.

- Managed four housing corporations for working poor, special needs, and farm workers in need of an affordable, safe place to live.

Programs provided in Lee County originate out of the Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center of Catholic Charities on Michigan Link Avenue in Ft. Myers.

Although Catholic Charities offers a host of programs and services, some of their best known and most recognized programs involve the minority community. In particular, these programs include:

- Migrant Assistance
- School on Wheels
- Refugee Services
- Housing Assistance
- Hispanic Outreach
- Haitian Outreach
- Food Pantries
- Direct Financial Assistance

The large Hispanic population in the area consists of families who are or have been migrant farm workers. Their work histories frequently change as they migrate to follow the crops. Lack of English skills, due in large part to their mobility, lack of understanding of the financial system, and poor educational background, make them vulnerable to financial and housing abuses. Lee County reports 11,379 foreign-born residents, of which 9,424 are of Hispanic origin. Of the Hispanic residents, 47.5 percent report "not speaking English very well."

Another key component to Catholic Charities' mission is the goal of enhancing the health and wellness of seniors within the community. Senior Services of Catholic Charities offers ongoing case management to elderly living at Villa San Marcos in Venice and Holy Cross Manor in Palmetto. A service coordinator works with residents of these two low-income apartment complexes to enhance successful aging. Seniors are assessed and linked with area community services and medical providers. On-site educational presentations also are arranged to bring the latest information to residents and their families on health and wellness. In Lee County, Senior Services of Catholic Charities offers a telephone reassurance project, case management, health assessment and coordination of in-home services for low-income seniors who are isolated and/or frail persons. This program is offered out of the Elderly Services of Catholic Charities, located in Ft. Myers. As we will see later, a senior support service program will eventually be operated out of the proposed housing project, Blessed Pope John XXIII Manor.

## **FUND RAISING AND VOLUNTEERS**

The Sponsor's grass roots orientation allows it to attract donations and support from communities and in turn redirects these funds to serve the needy within these communities. Fund raising includes a number of sources and uses for funds, as witnessed below:

### **Revenues: For Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Grants and United Ways	\$2,495,037
Contributions	\$1,570,503
Diocese-Catholic Faith Appeal	\$1,101,704
Service Fees	550,239
Special Events	420,976
Catholic and Other Organizations	262,414
All Other	46,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,447,037</b>

### **Expenditures: For Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Direct Assistance/Family Support Services	1,870,200
Refugee/Entrants Services	1,451,419
Specialized Education Services	890,679
Counseling/Pregnancy Services	814,517
Immigration Services	532,433
Shelter Services	516,835
General/Management Services	253,482
All Other	221,804
Fundraising and Newsletter	214,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,766,318</b>

### **Catholic Charities Foundation**

One of the most widely recognized fund raising/philanthropic efforts involves the Catholic Charities Foundation. The Foundation was created in 1999 in order to begin the task of building an endowment fund, the proceeds of which will help Catholic Charities to provide uninterrupted services to the poor every year.

Gifts to the Foundation are invested wisely and the interest income will be used to provide help

for children and families, to assist migrant farm worker families and give emergency assistance to the poor.

For one in every 28 of our neighbors in the ten-county area of the Diocese of Venice, Catholic Charities is frequently the only hope. Catholic Charities expertly helps people in need without regard to religious preference, race, or economic circumstance. It provides this help through 16 agencies across the ten-county area, with 76 professional caring staff members aided by over 700 dedicated volunteers.

Over the years, the primary source of philanthropic financial support for Catholic Charities programs has come from parishioners of the Catholic Diocese of Venice through free-will offerings made to the Bishop's Faith Appeal conducted through the local parishes. This vital support now generates more than \$700,000 per year (not including Diocesan donations of goods, services, and use of property) and has accounted for more than one quarter of the Catholic Charities nearly \$3 million annual budget.

However, even though the Bishop's Faith Appeal continues to grow, the population is growing at a dramatic pace, as are the social service needs of more and more people in the area. To relieve these tremendous financial pressures Catholic Charities has begun making a concerted effort to acquire additional private and public grant support.

A number of community leaders have established the Catholic Charities Foundation to lead this effort. The Foundation is building an endowment where the proceeds will be utilized to strengthen existing successful programs and to initiate new strategies to meet emerging social needs.

The provision of help comes in the following ways:

- **Emergency Assistance** – Food, medication, and financial aid, especially to pay rent and utilities for individuals and families.
- **Counseling and Mental Health Services** – Family and marital counseling offered to individuals, couples or in focused peer groups.
- **Pregnant Services** – Housing, support and counseling for pregnant women and young mothers.
- **Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services** – Reception, reunification with family, education services employment services, health services, language and civic education, housing placement and legal services toward citizenship.

- **Education and Family Support Services** – Family life education, values clarification, parenting education, and tutoring.
- **Social Support Services** – Respite care, transportation services, employment services, friendly visits, case management, and information and referral services.
- **Permanent Housing Service** – Helping low-income families achieve home ownership.

For this purpose the Catholic Charities Foundation has established the following designations:

*For Children*

- Child day care scholarship for a child - 6 months: \$2,250
- Counseling for a child with family related problems - 6 months: \$1,625
- After school tutoring for one under-achieving child - 1 year: \$1,125

*To Support Families*

- Marriage counseling for a family in crisis - 6 months: \$1,500
- Mental health counseling - 1 year: \$3,000
- Respite for a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's - 1 year: \$1,250
- Home and job search for one refugee family: \$500

*For Emergency Assistance*

- Medication for an older person's chronic health condition - 1 year: \$4,600
- Emergency food for one "working poor" family - 1 month: \$900
- Limited financial assistance with rent, utilities or medical supplies: \$500

*For Changing Lives*

- Shelter for a young single mother and her infant - 1 year: \$12,000
- Home ownership for one family with a low income: \$700
- Citizenship services for an immigrant/migrant farm worker family: \$800

**Volunteers**

The Sponsor depends heavily upon volunteers to further its mission. Volunteers participate in programs offered at the local parish (Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church), in association with Catholic Charities and in association with Catholic Volunteers of Florida.

With respect to Blessed Pope John XXIII, staff estimates that over 300 parishioners volunteer in one form or another. Many of these volunteers assist the elderly and poor within the immediate area.

With respect to Catholic Charities, in 2008 over 700 volunteers gave their time to the needy. This volunteer assistance was essential in serving the needs of over 48,000 residents within the ten-county area.

One additional source of volunteers comes by way of Catholic Volunteers of Florida. Catholic Volunteers of Florida is dedicated to providing people the opportunity to live out their faith by serving those with the greatest need. Catholic Volunteers work towards justice and peace, positively transforming the communities they serve as well as themselves. CVIF contains two groups:

**CVIF LAY VOLUNTEERS** – Those who serve full-time (40 hours per week) for at least one year, and are part of the CVIF service and development program. Through the years this has been a diverse group. Approximately two-thirds of the volunteers have been/are in their mid-20's to early 30's, and one-third over 55 years of age. Volunteers are single, married, widowed, divorced (all without dependents), from all over the United States, and from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

**SUPPORT PEOPLE** – Those who assist in all aspects of CVIF operations. This group includes office volunteers, regional contacts, the board of directors, the application review board, training town, donors, supporters, and friends.

CVs are involved in social work, shelters, health care, food banks, legal services, teaching, working with farm workers, senior citizens, and in other fields. Each volunteer's placement is a careful match between their skills and interests, the needs of the service sites and available resources. Placement is made to facilitate each volunteer's response to a "call" service. Full-time volunteerism demands flexibility, commitment and vision-it is much more than a "job" (See attached for information on the CVIF program).

## **HUD HOUSING EXPERIENCE OF THE DIOCESE**

The Diocese of Venice has in operation four Section 202 supportive housing facilities for the elderly, and one under construction. The following is a description of each of the four projects:

- Villa San Carlos is a 50-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Port Charlotte, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation September

30, 1984. The facility went into occupancy October, 1986. The facility is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. During the twelve years of operation of the facility, there have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The retained managing agent is SPM, LLC.

- Villa San Carlos II Apartments is a 54-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Port Charlotte, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation February, 1992. The facility went into occupancy July 1995. Villa San Carlos II is 100 percent occupied with a waiting list. There have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Casa Santa Marta I is a 78-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Sarasota, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation September, 1980. The facility went into occupancy July, 1982. Casa Santa Marta I is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Casa Santa Marta II Apartments is a 52-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Sarasota, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation February, 1992. The facility went into occupancy June, 1995. Casa Santa Marta II is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. There have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Villa San Marcos is a 81-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Venice, Florida. The facility went into occupancy in 2002. It is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Villa Vicente is a 68-unit project funded in FY 2001 and will be located in Ft. Myers. The Sponsor is now preparing the firm commitment application for submittal to the HUD Jacksonville office.
- Holy Cross Manor is a 68-unit project funded in 2003. It is located adjacent to Holy Cross Catholic Church and is 100% occupied. It should be noted that the parish spent over \$200,000 of its own resources to extend utilities for this project.
- Holy Cross Manor II will be another 68-unit project adjacent to Holy Cross Manor. This project was funded in 2008/2009 and construction is projected to commence at the end of 2009.

The success of these projects can be measured by the testimony of their residents. Attached are letters from residents of Casa Santa Marta I and II, Villa San Carlos, and Holy Cross Manor, who comment on the familial atmosphere, the quality of the personnel, and the easy access to neighborhood amenities that the Diocesan housing affords them.

In addition to elderly housing, the Diocese oversees two other housing projects: Clare House in

**Table 1. Sponsor Performance, 1986 - Present, Diocese of Venice**

Project Name/Address	Project No.	Fund Reservation Date (FY)	Construction Start Date (FY)	Status	Fund Reservation			Amendment Funds Needed	Owner Equity	REAC Score		Mgmt Review	
					Beyond 24 Mo	Beyond 36 Mo	Beyond 48 Mo			Date	Score	Date	Score
Villa San Carlos 2550 Easy Street Port Charlotte, FL 33952	066-EH183	1982	1985	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	8/1/06	99a	8/15/07	Satis.
Villa San Carlos II 22250 Vick Street Port Charlotte, FL 33980	066-EE002	1991	1994	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	8/1/06	99a	6/20/06	Satis.
Casa Santa Marta 1576 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Sarasota, FL 34236	067-EH113	1978	1981	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	7/18/06	94b	5/19/07	Satis.
Casa Santa Marta II 800 N. Lemon Avenue Sarasota, FL 34236	067-EH003	1991	1994	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	8/17/06	100a	5/10/07	Satis.
Villa San Marcos 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	067-EE099	1999	2001	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	8/31/06	99b	N/A	N/A PRAC
Villa Vincente 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	067-EE083	2001	2003	Completed	No	No	No	No	N/A	8/30/06	99b	N/A	N/A PRAC
Holy Cross Manor 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	067-EE126	2003	2005	Completed	No	No	No	\$904,300	\$200,000 (a)	N/A	—	N/A	N/A PRAC
Holy Cross Manor II 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	067-EE154	2009	2009(b)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	—	N/A	N/A

N/A - Projected funding prior to FY2003 are not evaluated in terms of amendment funds.

FC/NS - Firm Commitment not submitted.

(a) For the extension of sewer and to annex site into the City of Palmetto to allow for construction.  
(b) Projected

Fort Myers, which provides residence for six single parent families; and Our Mother's House in Venice, which also provides residence for six mothers and their infants. The homes were converted by Catholic Charities from other uses without any assistance from any other State or Federal agency. Both homes are administered by the District Administrators, who possess Master degrees in Social Work.

In Palmetto (Manatee County), the Diocese is providing a HUD-approved home ownership counseling program for low and moderate Income households. This program, which is free of charge, is particularly geared to Hispanic/Latino families who seek to purchase their own homes.

### **PAST SPONSOR PERFORMANCE**

The Sponsor has been an active participant in the HUD Section 202 program. The Sponsor has worked diligently to meet HUD mandated submission schedules, as well as project budgets. **Since 2004, no Sponsor projects have required amendment funds.** Of the eight projects (see table on previous page) including those funded prior to 2004, only Holy Cross Manor needed amendment funds. These funds were needed due to the following; i) site conditions increased the cost of site development, primarily due to the need to extend both water and sewer and to utilize a lift station to access a sewer force main; ii) the project was developed during an over-heated real estate and construction market, partly due to several hurricanes driving the cost of construction up over a very short time period; and iii) due to the absence of utilities on the county land, the Sponsor had to annex the site into the City. This process was both time consuming and expensive, but ultimately successful. **None of the eight projects were extended beyond the HUD prescribed period of 24 months for initial closing or 36 months for fund reservation.**

### **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

The Diocese has long realized that the provision of housing is but one element to a senior's existence. By providing a host of support services, the independence of each and every resident is increased and overall health improved. The following is a list of some of the supportive services provided at Diocesan sponsored projects;

- Food Bank – distribution of food to needy residents
- SHARE Volunteer Food Purchase program – Food for needy residents
- Medicare/Medicaid Benefit Counseling
- Monthly Health Screening for Eyes, Ears, and Blood Pressure
- Lifeline Assistance Program Sponsored by Verizon
- Liaison Services for the Deaf and Blind
- Assistance With the Purchase/Delivery of Prescription Medicine
- Meals on Wheels
- On-site Social and Recreational Programs
- Coordinating Transportation for Residents

- Nutritional Education and Consultation

These services are supplemented by services provided by Catholic Charities. In 1968, the Diocese established Catholic Charities to provide social and economic services to the needy of the community. With help from the Diocese, the United States Catholic Conference, and Lee County, Catholic Charities provides the following services for the elderly in residents;

- **The "Care Connection" Respite Program** is located at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills, Citrus County, Florida. The mission of the "Care Connection" Respite program is to provide a quality, caring, community, center-based, professional caregiver respite program for individuals affected with Alzheimer's and other dementia related illness residing in Citrus County. The program provides affordable respite services one half-day per week. Other services available through the program include assessment, case management, care givers' support groups, clinical counseling, health screenings, as well as community information and referral. Funding for this program has been provided in part by a grant from the Brookdale/FAVOR Foundation.
- **The Interfaith Care givers Program** is an innovative, collaborative partnership between Catholic Charities and the Interfaith Coalition of Hernando County, Inc. The mission of the Interfaith Care givers Program is to provide elder care education and support services to congregational communities of all faiths in Hernando County. The program's initial goal is to provide education and training on elder issues to church communities in Hernando County. In addition, the program provides volunteer training and technical support to existing and new church-based ministries for the care of the Elderly.
- **The Elder care Program** is a volunteer-based program providing services to low income elderly who are homebound. Through a volunteer-client match, the program provides visitation; telephone support; assistance with food shopping or essential errands; light meal preparation; light housekeeping; small repairs; and transportation to obtain essential services, among others. An extensive library of resources is available for elderly and their families. The Elder care Program through its Parish Connections component further provides technical assistance, workshops and speaker's bureau for Catholic Parishes wishing to begin or expand their parish-based elder care programs.

Supplementing the experience and wide-range of elder programs/services is Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. As with all projects sponsored by the Diocese, it is done in conjunction with a local parish. The Diocese has long realized that residents are positively impacted when associating a local church with a housing project. The local church is able to provide support services that are located in close proximity, so that the elderly residents may utilize these.

In the case of Blessed Pope John XXIII, this parish was established in 2002. The church has a variety of programs, which include;

- Thrift Store
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Hispanic Outreach
- Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church
- Knights of Columbus
- Soup Kitchen
- Edge Middle School
- High School Youth Group
- Vacation Bible Study
- Blessed Little Angels Playgroup

The church also provides a community room which is used for meetings and gatherings. This would be available for elderly residents at the proposed Section 202 project.

## **OUTREACH TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITY**

The FHEO division of HUD looks at five factors when evaluating an applicant's outreach to the community. A total of 15 points is possible for sponsors that can demonstrate, to FHEO's satisfaction, involvement and outreach to the minority as judged by the following factors:

- 1(b)(1) — Experience in providing housing and/or support services to minorities
- 1(b)(2) — Document relationship over time with minority residents and the minority community.
- 3(c) — Suitability of the site, in that it provides opportunities to minorities
- 2(b) — Document that the project involves elements of such planning documents as the "Impediments to Fair Housing".
- 3(e) — The inclusion of the target population in development of the application

The following paragraphs demonstrate how the Sponsor affirmatively answers each of these FHEO factors.

The Sponsor has a long history of outreach to the minority community. This outreach effort starts with the Sponsor's efforts to hire minorities and continues with finding ways to better serve the minority community. This brief narrative addresses some of the needs within the minority community and how the Sponsors has responded or plans to respond to these needs. Evidence of the Sponsor's ties with the minority community is demonstrated by support letters, which can be found in Exhibit 3(d).

The Sponsor is keenly aware of its responsibility to serve residents of Lee County, regardless of their income, family status, race or sex. This narrative presents why the Sponsor has and will continue to aggressively serve all residents of the County.

The Diocese of Venice has a long history of serving elderly persons, regardless of ethnic origin. A review of the Sponsor's housing experience (at its existing Section 202 projects), shows that over 57 percent of all projects have a minority residential population which exceed that in the market area. This reveals that the Sponsor has been effective in promoting housing opportunities for minorities and encouraging minority elderly to avail themselves of such opportunity.

***Ties to the Elderly and Minority Community:*** In addition to its elderly housing, the Sponsor has addressed the needs of the elderly via establishing a Commission for Older Catholics. This Commission seeks to coordinate and facilitate an ever increasing demand for services and spiritual support to the elderly. Outreach programs for the elderly, such as "Senior's Society" at St. Vincent de Paul Church, continue to be promoted on the parish level in an effort to meet the needs of this growing population.

On a more local level, Blessed Pope John XXIII offers senior programs in which seniors can participate in recreational, social, educational, and direct assistance services. In addition, a **Senior Elderly Advisory Committee** has been assembled to provide input into the HUD 202 application process. **This Committee is made up with both minority/non-minority elderly residents from both inside/outside of Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. The inaugural meeting was held at Blessed Pope John XXIII's sister parish, Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church in Ft. Myers. Meeting minutes and sign-in sheets are attached.**

In addition, the Sponsor has secured multiple letters from minority residents which demonstrate the Sponsor's commitment and sensitivity to the needs of an ethnically diverse resident population.

As mentioned earlier in this exhibit, the Diocese's commitment to the minority population is most evident in its ministry and service to the migrant farm workers (Hispanics and Haitians) with programs and outreach activities conducted throughout the ten-county regions. Social services and religious education programs as well as advocacy roles and legalization classes are but a few of the services currently provided, within the adjacent Blessed Pope John XXIII Church. **This congregation has a history of reaching out to minority residents through programs which include; (i) direct assistance to Spanish migrant farm workers; (ii) bi-lingual masses and social service programs; and (iii) partnerships with the local minority churches, which include offering programs and facilities for the use of these churches.**

***Sponsor Facilities:*** The following is a list of affordable elderly projects, owned/operated by the Sponsor, and a description of the neighborhoods these facilities are located in. *It should be noted that at over 70 percent of all Sponsor facilities, the minority population at the facility is equal to or greater than the minority population within the neighborhood. This is a testament of the Sponsor's ability to aggressively market units to all residents regardless of their ethnic origin.*

### Diocese of Venice – Survey of Sponsor Supported Senior Housing

<u>Project Name/Address</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Percentage Occupancy</u>	<u>Minority Residents</u>	<u>Wait List</u>	<u>Census Tract Neighborhood</u>	<u>% Minority within Tract</u>
Villa San Carlos 2550 Easy Street Port Charlotte, FL 33952	1986	HUD 202	49	100%	8%	6-8 mo	208 Mixed	9%
Villa San Carlos II 22250 Vick Street Port Charlotte, FL 33980	1995	HUD 202 PRAC	52	100%	37%	1-1 ½ yr	210 Non-minority	5%
Casa Santa Marta 1576 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Sarasota, FL 34236	1982	HUD 202	78	100%	13%	1 ½ yr	1.01 Mixed	13%
Casa Santa Marta II 800 N. Lemon Avenue Sarasota, FL 34236	1995	HUD 202 PRAC	54	100%	20%	2 yr	1.01 Minority	13%
Villa San Marcos 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	2002	HUD 202 PRAC	81	100%	2%	1 yr	302 Non-minority	11%
Villa Vincente 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	2004	HUD 202 PRAC	60	100%	11%	9 months	302 Mixed	11%
Holy Cross Manor 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	2006	HUD 202 PRAC	68	100%	8% (a)	1 yr	14.01/2/2.52 Non-minority	0%
Holy Cross Manor II 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	NA(b)	HUD 202 PRAC	68	NA	NA	NA	14.01/2/2.52 Non-minority	0%
<b>TOTAL/AVG</b>	—	—	<b>510</b>	—	<b>16%</b>	—	—	<b>16%</b>

(a) The City of Palmetto total minority population is 2.5 percent.

(b) Construction to start Fall 2009.

***Need For Housing Amongst Minority Residents:*** The 2000 Census indicates a disproportionately greater need regarding the correction of housing problems for minority households in Lee County. However, this is due to the income disparity that is also indicated in the 2000 Census. While the County's minority households represented 12 percent, minorities represent a much greater percentage of low-income households. However, other variables such as tenure and household type and size also play a significant role in this regard, as noted below in the following chart.

***Promoting Greater Housing Opportunities for Minorities:*** There are nine (9) HUD-assisted housing projects for low-income elderly in Lee County. Two of the existing projects are located in areas of minority concentrations, four are located in neighborhoods with a mixed population and three are located in non-minority areas. The following is a summary of each of these projects.

**Survey of Senior Housing in Lee County, Florida**

<u>Project Name/Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Percentage Occupancy</u>	<u>Waiting List</u>	<u>Census Tract</u>	<u>% Minority</u>
Ft. Myers Presbyterian Community 1925 Virginia Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-332-1050	HUD 202	180	100%	9 mo.	8	10%
Palm City Garden Apts 1625 Marsh Ave Ft. Myers, FL 33905 239-334-1303	HUD 202	100	100%	9 mo.	5.04	44%
Sandpiper Run 2075 Collier Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-931-0220	HUD 202 PRAC	59	100%	1 yr.	11	50%
Villa Vincente 13071 Palm Beach Blvd Fort Myers, FL 33905 239-693-1333	HUD 202 PRAC	60	100%	6 mo.	302	13%
Sunshine Villas 1200 Broad St W Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-9161	HUD 202	216	100%	6 mo.	403.04	16%
Sunshine Villas South 1291 Broad St W Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-9161	HUD 236	80	100%	6 mo.	403.4	16%
Woodward Manor 1301 Woodward Ct Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-1414	HUD 202	102	100%	1 yr.	403.04	16%
Hatton Rogers Apts 4250 Hatton B Rogers N. Fort Myers, FL 33903 239-995-6100	HUD 202 PRAC	54	100%	1 1/2 yr.	208	2%
Palm Harbor Apts 1081 Palm Ave N. Fort Myers, FL 33903 239-995-2600	HUD 202	81	100%	1 yr.	206	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>932</b>				

Lee County's Minority Population is 12.3%

This is a situation where there is existing HUD-assisted housing for the elderly in both minority and non-minority areas. The proposed project would be located in Census Tract 401.06, which is a non-minority census tract.

The Sponsor will continue (with the proposed site) to promote and provide housing opportunities for minority elderly residents in the following three ways. Because the project is located adjacent to census tracts of minority concentration, minority residents will have easy access to this project. The Sponsor is dedicated to both the letter and spirit of equal opportunity. Secondly, a review of the Sponsor's housing experience at other sites reveals that the Sponsor will be effective in promoting housing opportunities for minorities and encouraging minority elderly to avail themselves of such opportunity. Third, Blessed Pope John XXIII enjoys a close working relationship with the Hispanic communities via their sister parish of Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church in Ft. Myers. Outreach efforts will involve partnering with this church.

***Sponsor Experience in Fair Housing:*** Individual property managers regularly attend fair housing training. Attached to this Fair Housing Narrative are details on this training.

### **Relationship with Minority Residents Organizations over Time**

Serving minority residents and working with minority organizations is not something that the Sponsor started recently. This idea is integrated to the Sponsor's mission and has been done since its inception. As previously noted, most all of the Sponsor's projects and/or programs serve minority populations at or greater than that which exists within the market place. The Sponsor has been able to achieve these results by utilizing minority-based newspapers when placing ads and by partnering with minority organizations to distribute project information and brochures.

At the end of this section are samples of Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans and newspaper ads placed in minority papers. The following is a sample list of some selected organizations and papers the Sponsor utilizes when reaching out to minority residents.

- Hispanic American Alliance (Hispanic)
- Tempo Magazine (African-American)
- NAACP (African-American)
- North River News (African-American)
- Neighbors (African-American)
- Filipino American Association of SW Florida (Hispanic)

## **Fair Housing Impediments**

The purpose of designing and implementing the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for Lee County (AI) was to fulfill the Certifications made by Lee County BOCC in its Consolidated Plan. The AI represents year one's accomplishment of a Five-Year Fair Housing Strategic Plan. Lee County's AI was based on a model fair housing analysis provided by HUD to county staff at a Fair Housing Workshop in early October 1995. The AI included a review of Lee County's demographics related to housing patterns by race. It also reviewed lending practices, availability of fair housing information, knowledge of fair housing practices, availability of public transportation in relation to work areas and other socio-economic factors, and reported the results two community-wide surveys regarding fair housing issues.

The AI revealed the need for an easier method for citizens to file fair housing complaints, and that the present county ordinance could be enforced more effectively. Certain historical factors attribute to this situation, viz. Lee County has not taken fair housing complaints since 1993. HUD has recently provided guidance emphasizing that fair housing ordinances be substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Law, and/or that grantee jurisdictions have programs that affirmatively further fair housing. In spite of Lee County's previous approach to fair housing, which included minimal educational outreach, the focus was on taking complaints. Merely taking complaints was not pro-active enough, according to HUD, to meet the standards of affirmatively furthering fair housing for Lee County residents. As a result, Lee County is actively providing fair housing education, training, education, outreach and awareness initiatives in its attempt to address these issues.

The AI further revealed the absence of a fair housing program, which was evident from the public's survey responses -- most respondents were not aware of fair housing issues. Survey questions focused on the public's perception of property appraisers, bankers, real estate professionals, and others in the housing business. Respondents generally favored county government becoming more pro-actively involved in the development of a fair housing program. Two other factors impacting fair housing in Lee County were decent, affordable, rental housing opportunities for migrants and/or farm workers, and substandard housing conditions in existing communities. These issues require pro-active measures in order to respond to critical areas of unmet need, as identified by the public. The AI concluded that county staff will develop program options for a core-service fair housing program. Currently, 80 grantee jurisdictions in the United States have a substantially equivalent fair housing ordinance. The AI suggests doing a program review of these jurisdictions in order to develop and implement a well-rounded Lee County program.

Within this report, Lee County identified several impediments to fair housing and these include:

1. Lee County has done little to affirmatively further fair housing.

2. Lee County has not defined what "affirmatively furthering fair housing" means for its citizens.
3. Lee County has no organizations dedicated to fair housing.
4. Survey results show that most residents are not familiar with "fair housing" issues.
5. Lee County has assigned almost no CDBG funds to affirmatively further fair housing.
6. There are several examples of the "not in my backyard (NIMBY) attitude in Lee County.

Of these six impediments, The Diocese of Venice is positively impacting several. The following is how the Sponsor's involvement in the Section 811 program has actively reduced identified impediments.

- Response to Impediments 1, 2, 3, & 4 — The Diocese of Venice has actively marketed rental units to residents regardless of their ethnic origin. The Diocese success of 20 percent of its residents being minorities is attributed to: i) The Diocese extensive outreach and networking with minority community-based organization; ii) The Diocese aggressive affirmative marketing program; iii) The Diocese willingness to sensitize staff on fair housing issues by sponsoring and paying for a fair housing workshop; and iv) by The Diocese placing projects in both mixed race and non-mixed race areas.
- Response to Impediments 1, 2, 3, & 4 — The Diocese of Venice success has resulted in a definition of fair housing. In the Diocese terms, this is when minorities are represented in terms of those receiving services or apartments in numbers at or above the portion of the minority population to the total population.
- Response to Impediments 6 — The Diocese of Venice has not backed down from challenges to neighbors, and has actively pursued the rights of residents. For example, the Diocese progressed through public hearings and received some opposition. The Diocese met with this opposition to articulate the projects and its impact upon neighboring land owners. As a result of this education and outreach process, the opposition was reversed to support for the project.

It is clear from these examples that the Diocese of Venice has been at the forefront of promoting fair housing to residents regardless of their ethnic origin.

## **Conclusion**

HUD has indicated the methodology in which projects will be rated is as follows.

The suitability of the site from the standpoints of promoting a greater choice of housing

opportunities for minorities and persons with disabilities and affirmatively furthering fair housing. In reviewing this criterion, HUD will assess whether the site meets the site and neighborhood standards at 24 CFR 891.125(b) and (c) by examining relevant data in your application or in the HUD Office. If appropriate, HUD may visit the site.

The site will be deemed acceptable if it increases housing choice and opportunity by:

Expanding housing opportunities in non-minority neighborhoods if located in such a neighborhood. ("Non-minority area" is defined as one in which the minority population is lower than 10 percent.)

Within the market area, projects are located both inside and outside of areas of minority concentration. **The proposed project is located in a non-minority area and should be awarded the full points.**

**DIOCESE OF VENICE**  
**Listing of Parishes**



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### As of February 28, 2009

Parishes	56	Seminarians	19
Quasi-Parish	1	Religious sisters	100
Missions	7	Religious brothers	18
Chapels of Convenience	6	Diocesan high schools	3
Diocesan priests	106	Elementary schools	10
Religious priests	72	Special needs schools	2
Priests from outside diocese	92	Higher Institution	3
Permanent deacons	22	Special Centers for	
		Social Svc.	18

Total population: 1,959,972  
 Total Catholic population: 237,368

When the Diocese of Venice was founded In 1984, there were 39 parishes with 116,495 Catholics.

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## DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA



## Parish, Mission and Chapel Directory

## QUICK REFERENCE

Parish/Email	Phone	Fax
Ascension	239 463-6754	239 463-0690
Ave Maria Oratory Quasi-Parish	239 272-2077	
Blessed Pope John XXIII	239 561-2245	239 561-3713
Capilla Catolica de San Juan Diego	863 494-2611	863 494-6385
Christ the King	941 924-2777	941 924-2797
Epiphany Cathedral	941 484-3505	941 488-9333
Hispanic Apostolate of Our Lady of Grace Parish	863 385-6762	
Hispanic Apostolate of St. Catherine Parish	863 385-6762	863 385-5169
Hispanic Apostolate of St. Jude Parish	941 955-3934	941 365-4790
Hispanic Apostolate of St. Leo Parish	239 992-0901	239 992-5282
Hispanic Apostolate of St. Peter the Apostle Parish	239 774-3337	239 774-3077
Holy Child	863 773-4089	863 773-5641
Holy Cross	941 729-3891	941 721-9402
Holy Family	239 394-5181	239 394-1385
Holy Martyrs	863 675-0030	863 675-0756
Incarnation	941 921-6631	941 927-2521
Mision de Jesus Obrero	239 693-5333	239 693-5626
Mision de la Comunidad Catolica Hispana de Santiago Apostol	863 385-6762	863 385-5169
Mision de San Jose	239 481-1143	239 693-5626
Our Lady of Grace	863 453-4757	863 453-2620
Our Lady of Guadalupe	239 657-2666	239 657-3431
Our Lady of Light	239 267-7088	239 267-5481

Our Lady of Lourdes	941 497-2931	941 497-5849
Our Lady of Mercy	941 964-2254	941 964-2173
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	941 966-0807	941 966-3909
Our Lady of the Angels	941 752-6770	941 752-6821
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	239 283-0456	239 283-1118
Our Lady Queen of Heaven	863 675-0030	863 675-0756
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St. Katharine Drexel	239 283-9501	239 283-9502
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**Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church**  
**Listing of Programs/Services**

## Parish History

Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church came into existence on January 4, 2002 with Fr. Sullivan The Noonan Academy generously shared their facility with us during the planning and building of our church. Our first Mass was celebrated on Saturday, January 12, 2002. On March 1, 2002 we were canonically erected as a parish. On June 20, 2002 the initial preliminary plans for our new Church building were put on display and shared with our parishioners. A ground breaking ceremony was held on April 23, 2003. On December 25, 2004 a Mass was celebrated in intention the Church property. On Holy Thursday, March 24, 2005, the Mass was celebrated in the main nave of the Church. The Church was formally dedicated on April 9, 2005 by the Most Reverend John J. Nevins, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. In May 2007, Reverend Robert D. Tabbert, was assigned to Blessed Pope John XXIII and became our new Pastor. His installation ceremony was held on October 17, 2007 by the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

After Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass until all are heard  
or by appointment

## I Will Serve Where Most Needed...

If you have an idea for a new ministry or you would like to start a ministry, please call the Parish Office at 239-561-2245.  
We Welcome Your Ideas!

## OUTREACH

### ■ BLESSED LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP

Kristin Lyons (239) 772-5624  
momsgroupmrit@yahoo.com



**Goals and Purpose:** To provide a faith filled atmosphere in which parents and children can meet each week and form lifelong bonds with each other through prayer and play.

**Time Commitment:** Meetings are every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., as scheduled, and location varies week to week. As a coordinator, monthly for planning purposes.

**Fingerprinting Required:** Yes

### ■ EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Lou & Catherine Baumer (239) 768-1436  
loubaumer@comcast.net

**Goals and Purpose:** The Blessed Pope John XXIII Emergency Assistance Program is a parish work of mercy created to assist people in need within our parish boundaries. Our major source of funds come from your donations to the "Poor Boxes" that are located at the doors of the church. Team members meet with individuals and families who come to the parish seeking economic or other assistance.

**Responsibilities:** Each team member calls and/or meets with each person calling for assistance. You would need to be available to receive a call from the office and to let the office know when you are out of town.

**Helpful Attributes:** Have a heart for those in need.

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour a week

**Training Required:** 1 hour of training at a meeting

**Fingerprinting Required:** Yes

#### ■ HISPANIC OUTREACH

Jennifer Yoncz-Orlando (239) 313-7066  
jeqji@aol.com

**Goals and Purpose:** Our mission is to show Hispanic Catholics that they are appreciated and wanted at Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. The group identifies and meets the needs of our Hispanic population through cultural awareness events, eucharistic ministry, and by addressing any matters that may be of importance to the Hispanic community. All parishioners are welcome to be a part of this new and dynamic group.

**Responsibilities:** Through special events and ministry, we work to encourage more Hispanic participation at our parish and address the needs of this population.

**Helpful Attributes:** An interest and appreciation for the Hispanic culture.

**Time Commitment:** Varies. Meets approximately once per month.

**Meeting Schedule:** Watch bulletin or e-mail or call Jennifer Yoncz-Orlando.

#### ■ JESUS THE WORKER HISPANIC MISSION CHURCH

(Our Sister Parish)  
Sandy Szymanski (239) 303-1337  
sszymanski@comcast.net

**Goals and Purpose:** This Ministry provides economic assistance and social interaction with the working poor at this Hispanic Catholic Mission Church in Fort Myers.

**Responsibilities:** Ministry members help in the collection and transportation of food items and the stocking of shelves at the Food Pantry at Jesus the Worker. Other involvements include interaction between Religious Education programs at both Churches.

**Helpful Attributes:** Willingness to serve the needy with a smiling face and an open heart.

**Time Commitment:** Two to three hours on a given day as the need arises.

**Fingerprinting Required:** Not for food distribution.

**Enjoyment:** Life as a Eucharistic people calls us to be Christ for one another. Involvement in this ministry challenges us to live the Gospel message with a keen sense of awareness, understanding, truth, love and action.



#### ■ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight Corey C. Thompson (239) 768-5237  
Call: (239) 357-8072  
CCT3437@catholicmail.com

**Goals and Purpose:** Our council sets up service goals for the fraternal year for our church, for our community, and for our council.

**Activities:** For our Families, For our Youth. We're looking for the next generation of Knights, who will volunteer in a variety of charitable enterprises to serve the people and programs of their communities.

**Responsibilities:** We are men of faith, guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other, and in ourselves. Our service responsibilities include:

- Developing and supporting interesting programs, spiritual events and family-based activities that get existing members involved and that will attract new members to the council, i.e., Charter Dinners, Dance, Pot Luck Social Dinners.
- Conducting a parish needs assessment with the pastor to determine how our council can best assist and support our parish i.e., Memorial Garden maintenance, supporting parish parties, supporting other parish ministry efforts.
- Creating a project calendar for the entire fraternal year that supports programs in the areas of Church, community, council, family and youth, i.e., Trunk or Treat, Angel Tree, Petrus Giving Tree, VA Hospital collection, Handicapped "Tootsie Roll" collection.

**Training Required:** To become a Knight, each member is encouraged to attain the Third Degree level. (After which, he can go on to the Fourth Degree.)

**Helpful Skills:** The skills needed vary depending on the task: from physical labor to administrative efforts.

**Time Commitment:** Each program depends on volunteers, so the project service time varies based on the number of volunteers.

**Meeting Schedule:** Officer planning meetings and general business meetings are held once a month on the first Monday of the month and the second Monday of the month respectively and run about one hour.

#### ■ NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION

Stella McCaffrey (239) 303-1935  
StellaMcCaffrey@aol.com

**Goals and Purpose:** Intended for newly registered parishioners and those interested in joining our Faith Community. Welcome newcomers, explain the ministries available to them, meet our clergy, and learn of our parish vision.

**Responsibilities:** We are all one body in Christ, and the gifts we have we are given to share. New parishioners are encouraged to explore the many ministries available to them at BPJXXIII, select one or more that fit their personal gifts and skills, and make a commitment of their time, talent, and treasure.

**Time Commitment:** Informal session lasting 90 minutes, scheduled quarterly on a Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the church. While advance sign-up is preferred, walk-ins are always welcome.

**Fingerprinting Required:** No prerequisites for attendance. However, should you decide to volunteer to work on the Orientation Committee itself, fingerprinting is required.

#### ■ RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

This ministry provides information and awareness of the teachings of the Catholic Church with respect to life issues including abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, stem cell research and other life support issues.

#### ■ SOUP KITCHEN

Sally Murphy (239) 561-8347  
sdmurphy@embarqmail.com

**Goals and Purpose:** To provide food and fellowship to people in need.

**Responsibilities:** The Soup Kitchen is an interfaith ministry operated by Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. It is located at 3429 Martin Luther King Boulevard in Fort Myers and is open six days a week. All are welcome. In addition to the Kitchen, the ministry runs a Meals on Wheels program, a Faith in Action Ministry and a Child Care Center. Each day, volunteers from area churches work in the kitchen helping to prepare food, and assist with clean up. Parishioners of Blessed Pope John XXIII share in this work by volunteering about three to four hours the second Sunday of each month. (Some parishioners volunteer during the week.)

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**Helpful Attributes:** Flexibility and a desire to share the joy of serving those less fortunate.

**Time Commitment:** Three to four hours once a month

**Training Required:** None

**Fingerprinting Required:** Yes

#### ■ TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Helen Mark (239) 454-1515

donnie.noel@comcast.net

Angela Brown (239) 936-3110

**Goals and Purpose:** This Ministry contacts parishioners for special occasions such as social activities, or special projects, reminding people of meetings or special events.

**Responsibilities:** To be sure your list of members is called.

**Helpful Attributes:** A positive attitude

**Time Commitment:** Half hour

#### ■ THRIFT STORE

Cynthia Conzatti (239) 433-4097

bjthrif1@embarqmail.com

**Goals and Purpose:** The Thrift Store is a parish sponsored operation which sells donated quality clothing, furniture and household items to provide funds for the support of Catholic Education and other parish projects. We encourage all parishioners to support the Thrift Store through donations, purchases or volunteering in order that we fulfill our goal in funding the monetary needs of our parish. In addition to sales to the public, we assist the less fortunate through donations of appropriate furniture and clothing to our sister parish, Jesus The Worker, and to community service agencies such as United Way to meet emergency needs identified by their organizations.

**Responsibilities:** Volunteers fulfill a variety of needs, including sorting, pricing and displaying items, serving as cashier or providing administrative services to the operation.

**Time Commitment:** Volunteers generally work in four hour shifts on a day of their choosing from Monday to Saturday during store hours.

**Fingerprinting Required:** Yes

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**NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**  
**Catholic Charities Community Involvement**

**SARASOTA** - Divisions of Sears-Roebuck celebrated its grand opening at 7260 16th St. E. The 15,000 square foot design showroom off U.S. 301 allows customers to shop from more than 700 U.S. name-brand manufacturers, 500 Canadian name-brand

SARASOTA - Director of Sarasota celebrated its grand opening at 7266 10th St. E.

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## Catholic Charities Providing help. Creating hope.

### Our Mother's House receives \$380,000 grant from HUD

By Judy Bokorney  
Web Site Editor

Venue—Our Mother's House, a Catholic Charities transitional housing program for homeless mothers and their children, was granted \$360,415 through the 2004 Continuum of Care Competition Homeless Assistance Award, a Housing of Urban Development (HUD) program.

The grant will give Our Mother's House \$120,138 a year for the next three years to help pay for a portion of operational costs. According to Program Director Holy Collier, Our Mother's House is a quality program that offers comprehensive services and safe low-cost housing for residents. "Additional funding will still need to be raised to meet the budget but this grant is substantial," said Collier.

Our Mother's House provides low-cost apartment living in a safe and nurturing, yet stimulating community environment. The goal is to promote the healthy development of single homeless mothers and their at-risk children through support services that provide the opportunity to develop healthy parenting skills and gain economic self-sufficiency. Mothers pay minimal rent and are required to enroll in an educational or vocational program while their children have an educational experience in the day care provided on site.

"The program offers a therapeutic style case management that addresses all the issues homeless single mothers and their families face such as lack of education, employment, money management skills, self-esteem, and parenting skills," said



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Collier.

"No child should start out his or her life homeless," she said.

According to Lucille Acken, director of grants for Catholic Charities, Our Mother's House is the only program of its kind that serves homeless mothers and their children in south Sarasota County. A total of 64% of the residents in the program are from that area. Acken said the Gaps Analysis of Sarasota/Mantatee Continuum of Care proposal for Persons in Families with Children stated there is a need for 812 beds for homeless families. The rising cost of homes has seriously impacted the availability of affordable housing for single mothers with young children and their inability to have deposits and rent jeopardizes their means to obtain housing of any kind.

Acken said in order for a single mother to afford a typical two bedroom apartment in Sarasota County she must earn at least \$15.37 an hour, well above the \$6.15 minimum wage pay. "At minimum wage, the single mother would have to work 100 hours a week to make enough to live in an average Sarasota County apartment that costs about \$788 a month," she said. Our Mother's House offers housing for under \$200 a month.

Nancy Shoemaker, director of Catholic Charities in Sarasota County, said Our Mother's House was finally ready to apply for such a competitive federal grant. "Obtaining a grant like this is not just the result of people involved with the program today but rather all the people through the years that have worked hard to attain the level of professionalism necessary to apply for a grant like this," Shoemaker said. "This was an especially difficult task with a program that perpetually was strained to meet even the most basic operational costs."

Shoemaker stressed it took teamwork on the part of herself, Acken and Collier to prepare the grant. Writing began in March of 2004 and ended in July creating a document the size of a phone book. The local Continuums of Care committee ranked the Our

Mother's House grant proposal a number one priority.

"There also were a lot of prayers," Shoemaker said.

Better client service will be the end result of the HUD grant. Program Director Collier said Our Mother's House would be able to offer additional services such as extended day care hours to give mothers more flexibility with their school and work schedules. "We also will hire additional staff to better address the needs of the residents," she said. Our Mother's House recently reopened its doors after building a new facility and refurbishing the existing building. Now a total of 11 families can reside there.

"This is a big step for the program," said Shoemaker. "By accepting this money we also accept the responsibility of using it wisely."

For more information about Our Mother's House, please call 941-465-6264.

Photo: Many local retirees volunteer to care for the resident children at the Our Mother's House day care center while mothers go to work and school. Our Mother's House plans to extend day care hours and is looking for volunteers to work in the afternoon and early evening hours.

## Catholic Charities Providing help. Creating hope.

### Catholic Charities filling the housing gap with affordable homes

By Heather Felton  
The Florida Catholic Newspaper



Venice--  
About a year before the hurricanes hit last summer, the Board of the Board of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., said a

growing need for affordable housing in southwest Florida and formed a new corporation, Catholic Charities Housing, Diocese of Venice, Inc.

Determined to continue the Catholic Charities mission of providing assistance to those in need regardless of race or religion, the new corporation began focusing its energy on ways to provide clean, safe and affordable homes, said Peter Routsis-Arroyo, president of Catholic Charities Housing. Then the hurricane struck. Afterward, there was an even greater need in going forward with affordable housing programs, causing Catholic Charities Housing to launch housing projects in different regions of the 10-county diocese.

"So we are positioned to be a major player in the housing industry in Southwest Florida," he said. "Each is in different stages as we work with the architects and the developers looking for possible sources of funding to make them become realities."

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is a \$13-\$15 million project planned for the Arcadia  
area in DeSoto County. The community, to be located  
on 160 acres at State Road 70 East and Cross  
Avenue S.E., will have 110 rental homes, 38 of which  
are for single men. It will also include a community  
center and playground with a soccer field.

So far, he said, Catholic Charities Housing has  
applied and received a \$3 million grant from USDA  
Rural Development for 28 single-family, three  
bedroom/two bath homes. The agency also received  
a \$2 million grant from the Florida Housing Finance  
Corporation for an additional 44 homes.

This month, said Routsis-Arroyo, Catholic Charities  
Housing is applying to the USDA for another \$3  
million grant to combine with the Florida Housing  
Finance Corporation grant which will, he said, "pretty  
much complete phase one and phase two of this  
project."

"We've got the support of the growers and the county  
in trying to make this happen," Routsis-Arroyo said.  
"And I can't say enough about the support we've  
received from Father (Jerome) Carosella and Our  
Lady of Mercy Parish in Boca Grande."

The parish, he said, has collected more than  
\$230,000 for the project.

In addition, he said, Father Don Henry and St.  
Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, and Father Luis  
Pacheco, formerly of St. Paul Parish, Arcadia, have  
provided a great deal of support for the project there.

St. Thomas More Parish, he said, is building a "model

home" for the community which they will then give to  
a deserving family selected by Father Pacheco and  
local Catholic Charities staff. The factory-made,  
paneled model home will show people another,  
affordable alternative to buying trailers.

"If we can get this entire thing up and running - phase  
one, phase two, phase three - phase four would be to  
help these families toward home ownership," he said.

#### Marian Manor



The second  
housing  
program  
under way is  
Marian  
Manor - a  
\$4-\$5  
million 32-  
unit  
apartment  
complex for  
low-income families of Port Charlotte.

"We're really excited about that," said Routsis-Arroyo.  
"Besides the great need for affordable housing in Port  
Charlotte due to the devastation, it's for families. It will  
also give Catholic Charities a better presence in  
Charlotte County."

The land, he said, is located at U.S. 41 and Vick  
Street.

"We've been accepted by the Florida Housing  
Finance Corporation for a \$500,000 pre-development  
loan and we'll be using that to develop the site and  
explore how we're going to go about funding the  
project," Routsis-Arroyo said. "We're purchasing the  
land from St. Charles Borromeo Parish and we're  
grateful to them for allowing us to do so."

#### The Village of Hope in Myakka City

The third possible project being explored is the  
Village of Hope in Myakka City - this could be a  
community of 110 single-family attached units with 40

duplexes and 10 triplexes located on 27 acres along State Road 70 East and Singletary Road in Manatee County. The community is designed to house the minimum wage-earning workforce of the fast-growing east county, such as those in the construction, farm and service industries, Route-Arroyo said.

"That whole area east of I-75 is developing so fast, we really see a need for workforce housing out there," he said. "If we can get the funding and the zoning to make this happen, its going to be a beautiful place to live... well managed and affordable."

#### Casa San Jose

One additional and specialized project now in the early stages of construction is Casa San Jose – an eight apartment complex at 17th Street and Hammock Place in Sarasota. Funded by a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and a \$250,000 SHIP loan from Sarasota County, the complex will be an adult congregates assisted living facility for people with special needs.

Once completed, the facility will provide permanent housing to clients who can continue to live independently, but are also receiving social security and disability for health reasons. Plus, said Route-Arroyo, the \$250,000 support and operational portion of the HUD grant is renewable, which means that assistance for the facility could continue for many years.

#### Meeting the need

"What all of this means is that with the support of Bishop (John J.) Nevins and the diocese, Catholic Charities is responding to one of the greatest needs confronting our communities, which is good, safe, clean affordable housing," he said. "We have clearly seen that with the rising costs of housing, in the coming years it's going to be very difficult for the people in southwest Florida who don't own a home to continue to live here and yet the state needs them. That's the workforce. I think the Catholic community can be proud that through the efforts of Catholic

Charities and the bishop, we're stepping up to the plate to try to serve that growing gap in housing."

For more information on the Catholic Charities Housing, Diocese of Venice, Inc., contact the central office.

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### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice part of nation's second largest nonprofit network

Venice—The Catholic Charities network—in which Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is a part—has been ranked as the second largest nonprofit in the country, according to *The NonProfit Times*, which publishes the oldest annual ranking of charities in the country.

To be included in the "NPT 100," nonprofits must raise at least 10 percent of their total revenue from public sources, such as individual donors and foundations.

This year, the Catholic Charities network also has been ranked 10th among the nation's largest fundraising organizations in the country by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*. The *Chronicle's* Philanthropy 400 ranks the nation's largest nonprofits groups by how much money they raise from private sources. In 2004, Catholic Charities agencies across the nation received more than \$580 million in private support.

Catholic Charities agencies provide a myriad of vital services in their communities, ranging from day care and counseling to food and housing. In 2004, Catholic Charities agencies provided help and created hope for more than 7.1 million people in need, regardless of their religious, social, or economic backgrounds. Last year, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice served almost 90,000 people.

Entering this holiday season, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice continues to face an ever-increasing need for services, especially after the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons. Hurricane victims come to the organization for immediate assistance with food, water, cleaning supplies and emergency



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financial help along with long-term support with affordable housing, job placement and mental health counseling. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice annually conducts a Christmas Appeal to help sustain these services for the 10-county area of Southwest Florida.

The 2004 combined revenue of the Catholic Charities network was \$3,189,302,436. Nearly 90 percent of these funds were spent on programs and services, making Catholic Charities network one of the nation's most efficient charities. The network's expenses for 2004 were \$3,035,709,486.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice uses 92 cents of every dollar donated for direct services. As a result, this year the organization was awarded the top four-star rating by Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities, for the fourth consecutive time for management of finances.

For more information on these nonprofit rankings, visit The NonProfit Times Web site at [www.nptimes.com](http://www.nptimes.com) or The Chronicle of Philanthropy Web site at <http://philanthropy.com/>.

Donations to the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Christmas Appeal can be sent to P.O. Box 1805, Venice, FL 34284-1805.

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### Migrant farm workers and their families can count on Catholic Charities for assistance

Catholic Charities recognizes the valuable asset that migrant farm workers bring to the economy of Southwest Florida. We also understand that many migrant workers spend long days in the fields working and still do not earn enough money to escape poverty.

Catholic Charities offers a variety of programs to help the migrant farm workers and their families, such as financial assistance, case management, tutoring, education and immigration services.

To contact a Catholic Charities office that offers Migrant Assistance click on one of the following office locations:

- Arcadia: Catholic Charities of DeSoto County
- Bradenton: Catholic Charities of Manatee County
- Bonita Springs: Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
- Clewiston: Catholic Charities of Hendry County
- Fort Myers: Hispanic Service of Catholic Charities
- Fort Myers: Haitian Center of Catholic



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- Immokalee: Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities
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## Immigration Services assist many in the community

Catholic Charities has provided immigration services in Southwest Florida since 1984.



The agency is recognized and accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) as an organization that provides affordable immigration-related services. Staff counselors are BIA certified and have the necessary experience and knowledge of immigration law and procedures. Four locations in the Diocese of Venice offer immigration services to eligible clients. Reunification of families is the priority of the program.

Counselors can assist with applications for citizenship, petitions for family members, permanent residency, consular processing, applications for work authorization, requests for replacement of lost documents, and information and referral for special immigrant juveniles and victims of domestic abuse and their children. A Citizenship Tutoring Program also is offered to prepare and assist future citizens in gaining the self-confidence they need to pass the Citizenship test.

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### Outreach to Hispanic and Latino community offers wide range of programs



Catholic Charities serves the Hispanic and Latino population by offering a wide range of services, such as financial assistance, a variety of education programs for children and adults, a summer youth program, translation services, housing counseling, case management, employment assistance, immigration and citizenship services, crisis intervention, community outreach, support/advocacy and special holiday projects.

To contact a Catholic Charities office that offers Hispanic Outreach programs, click on a location below.

- Bradenton: Catholic Charities of Manatee County
- Bonita Springs: Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
- Fort Myers: Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
- Immokalee: Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities



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## Catholic Charities Providing help. Creating hope.

### Ground blessing event launches construction of unique farm worker housing project

By Judy Bokorney  
Web Site Editor

Arcadia—A one-of-a-kind farm worker housing project will be constructed on 86 acres of rural land here in early 2007. A formal ground-blessing event took place on Saturday, October 28.



Over 300 people attended the ceremony to witness Bishop John J. Nevins of the Diocese of Venice perform the ground blessing for the Casa San Juan Bosco farm worker housing project located at 2316 S.E. Hillsborough Ave. in Arcadia. Catholic Charities Housing Diocese of Venice, Inc. is building the \$21 million development.

Casa San Juan Bosco is an answer to the lack of affordable, quality housing in DeSoto County for seasonal farm workers. The single-family homes will exceed national building practices by including child safety and other measures of the Healthy Homes Initiative, and the energy efficiency and disaster resistance standards recommended by the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing.

Farm workers are the backbone of the agricultural industry in Southwest Florida. When Hurricane Charley ravaged DeSoto County, a large portion of low-income housing was destroyed. Many farm workers and their families found themselves with no decent place to live. The most needy of the community suffered even more.



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Around 80% of the farm worker housing was demolished by the hurricane, according to Peter Routsis-Arroyo, president of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. "There was a need for housing prior to Hurricane Charley. Out of the devastation, this project was born," he said.

The development offers a rural community incorporating ingredients that help farm workers to build greater self-sufficiency. Casa San Juan Bosco will offer on-site education and employment training, health care and home ownership training, and eventually a childcare facility run by the Redlands Christian Migrant Association. These supportive services will initially help stabilize agricultural workers and their families, then increase their skills to earn a living wage, and finally to assist each family into home ownership.

Catholic Charities Housing Diocese of Venice will construct the community in three phases where eventually almost 700 people will be able to live in 125 homes. The housing project, designated for farm workers, will be the first in Arcadia that is not employer owned and one that encourages the goal of self-sufficiency for tenants. To qualify to rent a home, one family member must earn 51 percent of their wages as a farm laborer. Rent is determined on a sliding scale based on the family income. Casa San Juan Bosco will feature a community center, lot-lot play area, village green plus a park, soccer/baseball field, and a nature preserve.

According to Sister Cathy Buster, SP, vice president of Catholic Charities Housing Diocese of Venice, the two-, three- and four-bedroom homes will be able to withstand winds up to 200 mph. In the event of a hurricane, the community center will have its own back up generator and the capacity to provide food and drinks, and act as an emergency assistance location for residents.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$6 million to Catholic Charities Housing Diocese of Venice to develop the community. In addition, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, through various loan programs, also

provided a major portion of the funding. The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (FFVA), a trade group for growers, recognized the importance of supporting farm worker families by donating \$200,000 toward the project. Sister Buster said the United Methodist Church of Arcadia and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Boca Grande both donated money from their hurricane recovery funds "to be supportive of those who labor in the fields to provide food for our tables."

"Casa San Juan Bosco is simple," Sister Buster said. "It is not just a housing complex, but a community. A place where parents can come out to watch their children play in a safe environment, where families can be good neighbors and where helpful services are just outside their doorstep," she said.

The development received its name from the legacy of San Juan Bosco (St. John Bosco), who was an Italian priest who founded the Salesian Society in the 1800s, which now cares for thousands of underprivileged youth through compassion and education all over the world.

The ground blessing also featured various speakers representing governmental offices, housing agencies, growers associations and a farm worker family, along with a fiesta and musical and dance entertainment. The Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association, Gulf Citrus Growers Association, Catholic Charities Housing Diocese of Venice, Inc. and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association are sponsored the event.

For more information please call Catholic Charities at 841-488-5581.

Photo: This architectural drawing depicts what a typical home will look like in the Casa San Juan Bosco farm worker housing project.

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## Catholic Charities Providing Help Creating Hope.

### Summer camp for low-income families needs community support

By Judy Bokorney  
Web Site Editor

Fort Myers—Every Spring the staff of the Haitian Center of Catholic Charities busily prepares for another exciting Summer Youth Camp for about 40 low-income children, even though the funding and volunteers for the program are not yet in place. They count on the generosity of the community.



In order to make the camp accessible to these children it must be affordable. The \$150 fee for 10 weeks of daily camp does not begin to cover the costs of nutritious food, field trips, activities, special projects and even summer tutoring.

"The program goes on but you don't always know if the money will be there," said Pierrette Faustin, program director of the Haitian Center of Catholic Charities. "The summer camp depends on donations and volunteers."

Faustin added, "I pray a lot."

The goal of the Summer Youth Camp is to offer a safe environment that includes education and fun for children, who have few options for how they will spend their few months off from school.

"This camp is very important. Many of these children



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would otherwise stay home by themselves and some would get into trouble," Faustini said. "Most children who attend the camp are not legally old enough to stay home alone. The parents depend heavily on us to offer the Summer Youth Camp every year," she said.

Summer Youth Camp 2007 is looking for donations to provide four healthy meals for the children every day—breakfast, lunch and two snacks. Part of the daily routine also features a field trip to area attractions such as museums, parks, libraries, the zoo, movies, ice-skating, the water park, bowling and more. Donations and/or sponsors are needed to provide these stimulating activities for the campers.

The camp runs Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from May 30 to August 2. "We are in need of volunteers to help us supervise the children," Faustini said. The Haitian Center prefers to provide a one adult to five children ratio at the camp. Volunteers can work flexible hours and days, with a minimum of two hours at a time.

The children create special projects for Father's Day and the Fourth of July, have Sudoku contests, and read or are read to every day, Faustini said. Children who are behind in school also receive tutoring.

"The last day of camp is especially exciting for the children," Faustini said. That day, called "Family Day," the entire family of the camper goes on a field trip to a theme park together. "The children really look forward to spending the day having fun with their parents," she said.

Anyone interested in donating to or volunteering for the Summer Youth Camp 2007 at the Haitian Center of Catholic Charities, please call 239-334-2234.

Photo: Children attending the Haitian Center of Catholic Charities Summer Youth Camp learn about snakes at the Naples Zoo.

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### Catholic Charities receives two grants from state for Refugee Services

Venice—Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., which operates 31 programs throughout 10 counties in Southwest Florida, received two grants from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Refugee Services to assist refugees relocating in the area.



An Employability Status Assistance Grant was awarded for \$600,000 annually for three years. A Refugee Youth and Families Grant was given for \$450,000 annually for two years. Both programs will begin serving clients in October.

The Employability Status Assistance Grant will help refugees/entrants to receive legal services, as they apply for employment authorizations, immigration status or naturalization. Refugee clients can receive these services through Catholic Charities offices located in Sarasota, Fort Myers and Naples.

"Most refugees and entrants need help with obtaining immigration and work documents which is so essential in the process to become self sufficient and gain employment," said Slav Tracti, refugee programs director for Catholic Charities. "This Employability Status Assistance Grant will be so beneficial to our clients."

The Refugee Youth and Families Grant will serve refugee families located in Collier County by focusing



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on the preservation of the entire family as part of an overall goal of achieving economic self-sufficiency and effective resettlement.

"Most of our refugee programs focus on adults and employability," said Lucille Acken, director of grants and program support for Catholic Charities. "This grant is about the refugee children. It is comprehensive in the approach to success for refugee families. It considers the whole family through school performance, career development, and empowerment of the family."

Some features of the program, Acken said, will be opportunities to interact with mainstream families, group and individual counseling, after-school tutoring and English language development. The program will be operated out a Catholic Charities office in Naples.

Last year, Catholic Charities served over 1,200 refugees/entrants who came to Southwest Florida to start a new life. Many refugees flee their homeland because of the threat of death and/or oppression.

Catholic Charities is one of the largest providers of refugee programs in the state, which include Refugee Employed and Productive, Match Grant, Refugee Resettlement, and Cuban and Haitian programs. These services, which help refugees to resettle into the American culture and find employment, are funded by grants from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Refugee Services and the United States Council of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C.

"As a result of the success of these programs, we were able to secure the two new grants to ensure even greater assistance for our clients," said Tkach. Many refugee clients gain employment at Southwest Florida companies such as PGT Industries, Jen Wend Inc., Goodwill Industries, Target, Wal-Mart, and restaurants and hotels.

Catholic Charities serves people in need regardless of race, nationality or creed. For more information about Refugee Services at Catholic Charities, please call 941-483-6231.

Photo: Clients of Catholic Charities Refugee Services programs attend classes on how to resettle into the community.

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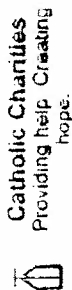
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*Needs have no boundaries...  
Giving has no boundaries...  
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With your support, Catholic Charities during 2007 served 38,468 of your southwest Florida neighbors in need. Through 32 program locations, Catholic Charities assisted people in the 10 counties of the Diocese of Venice. The daunting task of serving needy children, struggling families, lonely elderly, refugees, migrant workers and their families was accomplished by the hard work of a small but committed professional staff supported by a corps of dedicated volunteers and the assistance of thousands of donors, benefactors and friends.

Catholic Charities helps all people regardless of race, nationality or creed. A full 93 cents of every dollar donated was used to support those who need it the most. Last year your help:

- Assisted 26,947 individuals in economic hardship by providing social services including direct assistance, food, clothing, prescription medicines, and case management.
- Promoted freedom of opportunity for 4,835 immigrants and migrants by assisting them with the compliance of U.S. Government regulations.
- Offered educational support to 1,063 children and 127 adults through one-on-one tutoring and group classes.
- Provided hurricane-related assistance to 627 families devastated by the storms of the last several years.
- Sponsored 335 refugees and their families in their resettlement in Southwest Florida and



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provided job training and placement for 811

refugees.  
• Provided professional, compassionate HIV/AIDS  
supportive services and education to 335  
infected clients and 831 affected family  
members.

• Encouraged 941 birth mothers, homeless moms  
and their children on the road to self-sufficiency.  
• Dispensed affordable, professional counseling  
and addiction services for 1,074 individuals and  
families in crisis.

• Provided home ownership classes and housing  
counseling to 302 families.

• Offered elderly outreach to 229 clients.

• Ensured quality day care and early learning  
experiences for 55 struggling families.

• Provided affordable housing to 20 mothers and  
22 infants/toddlers and 14 HIV/AIDS clients.

Managed four housing corporations for  
working poor, low income and farm workers in  
need of an affordable, safe place to live.

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**Catholic Volunteers of Florida Program**

# Catholic Volunteers

Catholic Volunteers in Florida is dedicated to providing people the opportunity to live out their faith by serving those with the greatest need. Catholic Volunteers work towards justice and peace, positively transforming the communities they serve as well as themselves.

Catholic Volunteers are encouraged and challenged to "become who you are."

What does it mean to become who you are? It is what this service year is all about. Discerning yourself more fully through challenges, frustrations, joys, highs and lows, victories and defeats and allowing God and the community to help shape who you are. It is a year full of questions:

Who am I? What am I willing to stand for? What really matters? What are my boundaries? How far can I stretch those without losing myself? Where am I headed? How does my life affect others? How do others affect me? What are my fears? Am I facing them? What is my relationship with God like? How much do I really trust this God? What can I offer my community? What can I receive? How am I living out my faith? Am I responding to God's call?

While our answers may change over the years, the questions will more than likely remain pertinent. Below are some thoughts you might resonate with and that encourage you to accept the challenge: Become Who You Are

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more abundantly, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand." Woodrow Wilson

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs."

As a program, CVIF consists two groups:

## CVIF LAY VOLUNTEERS

Those who serve full-time (40 hours per week) for at least one year, and are part of the CVIF service and development program. Through the years this has been a diverse group. Approximately two-thirds of our volunteers have been in their mid-20's to early 30's, and one-third over 35 years of age. Our volunteers have been/are single, married, widowed, divorced (all without dependents), from all over the United States, and from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. We encourage married couples to participate as volunteers, but if only one chooses to become a volunteer, we would want the spouse to be in Florida with the volunteer.

## SUPPORT PEOPLE

Those who assist in all aspects of CVIF operations. This group includes office volunteers, regional coordinators, the board of directors, the application review board, training team, donors, supporters, and friends.



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## Doing Justice

Volunteers work towards justice and peace by serving at non-profit organizations that strive to empower the marginalized and poor in our community. Through direct service, volunteers accompany the community they are serving while being challenged to change larger social and systemic disparities that create injustices.

## Active Spirituality

By integrating reflection and prayer into our daily lives, we live more at peace with ourselves and one another. We are then called to witness our faith through action and service to others.

## Creating Community

Whether living alone or in a shared-roof experience, community requires a conscious effort. A healthy community provides both support and accountability in living out our values.

## Living Simply

By becoming more aware of our true needs and limited resources we can learn to walk softly on the earth. Volunteers attempt to live a simple lifestyle while being more attentive of their daily actions in challenge to our society's growing consumerism.

## Personal Growth

Creating a well balanced life, we strive towards a healthy mind, body and spirit while having FUN.

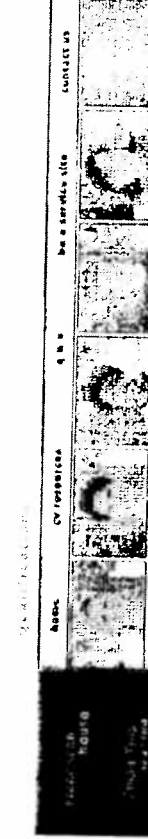


**Catholic Volunteers**

Applicants must be age 20 or older, female or male, single or married. Applicants who are divorced or who have life experience needed by CV service sites will be considered. Applicants need to be positive, self-motivated and self-motivated individuals. They must have an interest in social justice and a commitment to spiritual and personal growth. People from all faiths are welcomed, however, they must be willing to participate within the Catholic tradition. Applicants are expected to complete an application, personal essays, reference forms and college transcripts in addition to a personal interview.



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"Women and men of all ages and ethnic origins make personal sacrifices in order to volunteer their time, talent and, on many occasions, their economic resources in service of the Church and its mission." - "Letter to the Laity", Catholic Bishops of Florida, May 19, 1991

The Catholic Volunteers in Florida was originally founded as the Augustinian Volunteers on Easter Sunday (April 3rd) 1983 at St. Thomas University in Miami. It began with a question -- how to involve lay people in service to the Church in Florida. The question was posed by Ms. Cecelia Bennett-Servick, an active Catholic lay woman, to Rev. Dr. Patrick O'Neill, a member of the Augustinian Order, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. At the time, Fr. O'Neill was the President of St. Thomas University when he addressed Ms. Bennett-Servick's question. (Since 1988, Fr. O'Neill has joined in ministry with the Archdiocese of Miami.) Motivated by Ms. Bennett-Servick's concern, Fr. O'Neill turned to a number of individuals to help respond to her idea by creating just such a lay ministry opportunity. Among them:

- Ms. Cecelia Bennett-Servick - While on faculty at St. Thomas University Institute for Pastoral Ministry, Ms. Bennett-Servick collected data on similar programs nationwide in late 1982.
- Rev. Robert Baker - Fr. Baker was a priest of the St. Augustine Diocese who supported the concept and consulted with Rev. O'Neill. In 1999, Fr. Baker was ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina.
- Mr. Steve Nunes and Dr. Frank McGarry - Both Mr. Nunes and Dr. McGarry were on faculty at the St. Thomas University Institute for Pastoral Ministry and assisted the executive director in the early development of a formation program for in-field volunteers.
- John and Ellen O'Neil - This Catholic couple had recently returned from a Peace Corps experience in Honduras, Central America. At the invitation of Fr. O'Neill, John assumed the role of founding executive director on Easter, April 3, 1983. Ellen volunteered as program consultant, application review board member and medical screener.

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The Catholic Volunteers in Florida was originally founded as the Augustinian Volunteers on Easter Sunday (April 3rd) 1983 at St. Thomas University in Miami. It began with a question -- how to involve lay people in service to the Church in Florida. The question was posed by Ms. Cecelia Bennett-Servick, an active Catholic lay woman, to Rev. Dr. Patrick O'Neill, a member of the Augustinian Order, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. At the time, Fr. O'Neill was the President of St. Thomas University when he addressed Ms. Bennett-Servick's question. (Since 1988, Fr. O'Neill has joined in ministry with the Archdiocese of Miami.) Motivated by Ms. Bennett-Servick's concern, Fr. O'Neill turned to a number of individuals to help respond to her idea by creating just such a lay ministry opportunity. Among them:

- Ms. Cecelia Bennett-Servick - While on faculty at St. Thomas University Institute for Pastoral Ministry, Ms. Bennett-Servick collected data on similar programs nationwide in late 1982.
- Rev. Robert Baker - Fr. Baker was a priest of the St. Augustine Diocese who supported the concept and consulted with Rev. O'Neill. In 1999, Fr. Baker was ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina.
- Mr. Steve Nunes and Dr. Frank McGarry - Both Mr. Nunes and Dr. McGarry were on faculty at the St. Thomas University Institute for Pastoral Ministry and assisted the executive director in the early development of a formation program for in-field volunteers.
- John and Ellen O'Neil - This Catholic couple had recently returned from a Peace Corps experience in Honduras, Central America. At the invitation of Fr. O'Neill, John assumed the role of founding executive director on Easter, April 3, 1983. Ellen volunteered as program consultant, application review board member and medical screener.

Start up grants were received from the Koch Foundation of Gainesville, Florida, and the Rankin Foundation of Wilmington, Delaware.

On December 16th, 1983, Pauline Humble was commissioned as our first Augustinian Volunteer and was placed at the St. Francis Shelter in Lakeland, Florida, which worked under the auspices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Orlando. Our first program orientation was held in September 1984, at St. Thomas University in Miami. By then, seven volunteers had been commissioned for service which, at the time, involved a two year commitment. In addition to Pauline Humble, there were Lori Anderson, Mary Beth Whitesides, Karen Anthony, Bill Demastick, Marion McConnell Fay and Don Phillips, working in sites ranging from Orlando, St. Petersburg, Immokalee and Miami.

In 1985, the length of commitment for volunteers was changed from two years to one year of service. Additional service sites were offered for placement. In the meantime, working committees were established to help support the Augustinian Volunteers organization:

- Office Support Committee
- Application Review Board
- Consultative Board of Advisors (later to become the board of directors)

- Formation and Retreat/Workshop Staff
- Regional Contacts

These committees are made up of individuals willing to volunteer their part-time support to make this program a reality. In the fall of 1987 a full-time paid volunteer coordinator position was created to help meet the growing need for publicity, applicant response and in-field volunteer support. This position was first filled by a program alumna, Mrs. Susan O'Leary. She continued in this position until 1989. Later Volunteer Coordinators include: Ms. Laura Holliman (1989-1991), Ms. Gina Cawley (1991-1997), and Sr. Ellen Kalemberg, S.L.W. (1997-2001).

In July 1988, the Archdiocese of Miami assumed direction of St. Thomas University, the original sponsoring organization of the Augustinian Volunteers. On September 1, 1988, Archbishop McCarthy, in consultation with Rev. O'Neill and John Oeger, changed the name from Augustinian Volunteers to Catholic Volunteers in Florida. This new name better reflects the qualities of the Catholic Volunteers in Florida:

- Service is voluntary
- Service is founded on Catholic social teachings
- The organization relies upon Catholic sponsorship (Catholic Foundations, Bishops, Religious Orders and private donors)
- The area of service is within Florida

The Bishops of Florida provide direction to the Catholic Volunteers through one of whom serves as Episcopal Liaison to the program. John Soder of the Diocese of St. Augustine served in this valuable position for 13 years.

In May 1989, an 11-member Board of Directors was established in order to provide ongoing program direction and support to the office staff. This board continues the role of program ownership and legal responsibility, which were initially provided by St. Thomas University.

The volunteer office was originally located in space donated in a boarding house by Dr. John Allen of Winter Park, Florida (near Orlando) and remained there until March 1994. It was then relocated to the Orlando Diocesan retreat facility, San Pedro Center (in northeast Orlando metropolitan area), at the invitation of the Franciscans (TOR) in charge of the facility. The office remained at San Pedro for more than 8 years, until July 1992 when larger space was required due to expanding program needs. At that time, the staff and Board of Directors decided to obtain office space donated or at cost from individuals or organizations able to contribute to the CV work in this manner. The chosen location was office space in the Wilshire Plaza, located in Casselberry, Florida, (a northern suburb of Orlando). In July of 2001, when the need for more advanced technical support became apparent, the office was moved to a corner office within The Florida Catholic, the statewide Catholic newspaper and whose Editor/General Manager serves on the CVIF Board of Directors.

From 1988 onward, the Catholic Volunteers have been sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of

Florida. In 1998, two religious communities – the Sisters of the Living Word, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, Florida – as well as New Hope Charities joined with Florida's Bishops in co-sponsorship of the Catholic Volunteers in Florida. Sr. Ellen Kalemberg, the former volunteer coordinator, was a member of the Sisters of the Living Word, founded in 1975 in Illinois.

In 1999, the Catholic Volunteers marked a milestone in placing our 100th volunteers into full-time service. As always, the Volunteers, CV staff and support community strive to seek new ways to live their faith, to preach the gospel through witness and to accept the challenge of a personal commitment to a vision of peace and justice in their local communities.

On August 1, 2000, Richard Galantino became the new Executive Director of CVIF. Richard assumed the leadership role from Greg Darr, who served as Acting Director for one year, and John Oeger who completed 17 years of service as Executive Director.

Added to the team in 2001, 2002, and 2003 respectively were Tiaany Rupels (Program Director), Kristine Nussmayer Jenkins (Formation Director) and Sister Florence Ryan, SSJ (Spiritual Director). The leadership team now houses its central office near the University of Central Florida campus and in partnership with the UCF Campus Ministry. Please visit the contact us link for further information.

# Catholic Volunteers in America

Though the benefits described below represent the tangible support volunteers receive over the course of their service commitment, the greatest benefit volunteers experience is immeasurable - a life-changing encounter with God and others in going of one's self. The financial benefits described here are meant to help make these encounters possible. No one is expected to get rich in volunteer service, except in those things in life that matter most.

The financial support provided over the course of a volunteer commitment is set at a "break even" level. Therefore, any prior debt (credit cards, loans, etc.) car payments, higher than average automobile insurance expenses, medications required for chronic needs not already covered through insurance, high long distance phone charges and specialized housing needs will generally be beyond the support base provided. Applicants with these expenses must either make prior arrangements for payment at the outset of a volunteer commitment, or have adequate personal savings to cover them.

The financial support volunteers receive is made up of the following components:

- Housing & Utilities
- Stipend
- Transportation
- Health Insurance
- AmeriCorps



## 3(b) Community Ties

## **EXHIBIT 3(b)**

### **Sponsor's Ties to the Community**

The Diocese of Venice was established October 25, 1984, is 9,035 square miles and includes the ten counties of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Glades, and Hendry, with a total population of 1,453,244.

It is difficult to conceive of an organization whose community roots and ties are deeper than those of the churches of the Diocese of Venice in this community. Their churches and their people now, as always, are involved in every aspect of community life: business, local government, education, civic groups, charities, and other service organizations.

#### **TIES TO THE COMMUNITY**

In 1984 the Diocese established Catholic Charities to provide social and economic services to the needy of the community. With help from the Diocese, the United Way of Manatee County, and private donations, Catholic Charities provides the following services to the community in Lee County:

- Parish-Based Counseling Services
- Catholic Hispanic Social Service (counseling, direct assistance, immigration, tutoring)
- Emergency family support service to persons and families coping with crises related to shelter, utilities or prescriptions
- Assisting young mothers and their infants with education, job pursuits, child care, parenting skills, and shelter
- Migrant Assistance
- Elderly Services
- Emergency Services
- Refugee Resettlement

As the Hispanic and Haitian populations have continued to grow in this area of Florida, the Diocese of Venice has expanded its efforts to attend to the spiritual, physical, social and cultural needs of these people, many of whom are migrant or itinerant agricultural workers. Each weekend throughout the Diocese, Masses are celebrated in Spanish and religious education

classes are offered for Hispanic children and adults. Tutoring, immigration, clinical counseling, emergency assistance, job-related services, and educational services are provided to Hispanic/Latino and Haitian clients throughout the Diocese.

In addition to the above services, Catholic Charities, together with other Catholic healthcare and social service organizations, have collaborated on other projects:

- The San Jose Mission, which provides a Head Start program for younger children, an adult education program, a food pantry, legal services, mental health counseling, and medical and dental program for the thousands of migrant farm workers (primarily Hispanic).
- Osteoporosis Project, which is designed to screen and educate older residents about the dangers of osteoporosis.
- Wellness Center, which offers older adults a continuum of care ranging from preventive education to primary care.

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## **GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATION**

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The U.S. Department of HUD considers an organization a "grass roots organization" if the organization is headquartered in the local community to which it provides services; and,

- i) Has a social services budget of \$300,000\* or less, or
- ii) Has six or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

\* The cap includes only that portion of an organization's budget allocated to providing social services and does not include other portions of the budget such as salaries and expenses.

In the instance of the proposed applicant, this organization meets the definition of a "grass roots organization". This test is met in two distinct ways. First, the property will be located adjacent to Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. This grass roots organization serves the local community both spiritually and through the direct provision of supportive services.

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In the case of Blessed Pope John XXIII, this parish was established in 2002. The church has a variety of programs, which include;

- Thrift Store
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Hispanic Outreach
- Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church
- Knights of Columbus
- Soup Kitchen
- Edge Middle School
- High School Youth Group
- Vacation Bible Study
- Blessed Little Angels Playgroup

The church also provides a community room which is used for meetings and gatherings. This would be available for elderly residents at the proposed Section 202 project.

In addition to the local parish, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice provides numerous programs/services throughout Lee County. Additional documentation on Catholic Charities is provided later in this exhibit.

Secondly, the Diocese of Venice can also be considered a grass roots organization. The Diocese is located in and provides direct support services to a defined service area. This local service area is confined to a multiple county region in the Gulfcoast area of Florida. When separating out its social service budget/staff, this organization also meets the HUD definition, as stated.

It is through this grass roots philosophy and organizational structure that the Sponsor has been

able to effectively and efficiently serve the residents of individual communities.

#### **NON-HOUSING PROGRAMS/SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE**

In addition to the housing facilities, the Diocese oversees many other programs and/or facilities. The following is a list of programs and/or facilities of the Diocese of Venice.

- Campus Ministry Office
- Father William S. Balfe Memorial Library
- Haitian Ministry
- Hispanic Apostolates
- HIV/AIDS Ministry
- Migrant Education
- Ministry to Blacks
- Office of Family Life
  - Haitian
  - Laity
  - Older Catholics
  - Peace & Justice
  - Persons with Disabilities
  - Scouting
- Office of Prison Ministries
- Office of Youth Ministry
- Older Catholic Ministry
- Pastoral Ministries
  - Bereavement
  - Charismatic
  - Critical Concerns
  - Divorced or Separated
- Scouting Office
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Various High School and Grade Schools

Many of these programs/services are coordinated through Catholic Charities.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

The social service arm of the Diocese of Venice is Catholic Charities. The thrust of Catholic Charities is to promote the dignity of every human person who resides within the five-county area of this Diocese by implementing the social dimension of the gospels through the delivery of human services, social advocacy, and convening.

During the year 2008, Catholic Charities provided social services to over 48,000 people in the ten-county Diocese of Venice area. The daunting task of serving needy children, struggling families, lonely elderly, migrant workers and their families, is accomplished by the hard work of a small but committed professional staff supported by a corps of dedicated volunteers and the assistance of thousands of donors, benefactors and friends. Last year's accomplishments included:

- Assisted 27,467 individuals in economic hardship by providing social services including direct assistance, food, clothing, prescription medicines, and case management.
- Promoted freedom of opportunity for 4,227 immigrants and migrants by assisting them with the compliance of U.S. Government regulations.
- Offered educational support to 694 children and 349 adults through one-on-one tutoring and group classes.
- Provided hurricane-related assistance to 611 families devastated by Hurricane Fay.
- Sponsored 245 refugees and their families in their resettlement in Southwest Florida, 83 refugee youth with mentoring services, and provided job training and placement for 2,679 refugees.
- Provided professional, compassionate HIV/AIDS supportive services and education to 818 infected clients and family members.
- Encouraged 989 birth mothers, homeless moms and their children on the road to self-sufficiency.
- Dispensed affordable, professional counseling and addiction services for 1,227 individuals and families in crisis.
- Provided home ownership classes, and housing and foreclosure counseling to 315 families.
- Offered elderly outreach to 262 clients.
- Ensured quality day care and early learning experiences for 49 struggling families.
- Provided affordable housing to 20 mothers and 23 infants/toddlers and 14 HIV/AIDS clients.
- Managed four housing corporations for working poor, special needs, and farm workers in need of an affordable, safe place to live.

Programs provided in Lee County originate out of the Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center of Catholic Charities on Michigan Link Avenue in Ft. Myers.

Although Catholic Charities offers a host of programs and services, some of their best known and most recognized programs involve the minority community. In particular, these programs include:

- Migrant Assistance
- School on Wheels
- Refugee Services
- Housing Assistance
- Hispanic Outreach
- Haitian Outreach
- Food Pantries
- Direct Financial Assistance

The large Hispanic population in the area consists of families who are or have been migrant farm workers. Their work histories frequently change as they migrate to follow the crops. Lack of English skills, due in large part to their mobility, lack of understanding of the financial system, and poor educational background, make them vulnerable to financial and housing abuses. Lee County reports 11,379 foreign-born residents, of which 9,424 are of Hispanic origin. Of the Hispanic residents, 47.5 percent report "not speaking English very well."

Another key component to Catholic Charities' mission is the goal of enhancing the health and wellness of seniors within the community. Senior Services of Catholic Charities offers ongoing case management to elderly living at Villa San Marcos in Venice and Holy Cross Manor in Palmetto. A service coordinator works with residents of these two low-income apartment complexes to enhance successful aging. Seniors are assessed and linked with area community services and medical providers. On-site educational presentations also are arranged to bring the latest information to residents and their families on health and wellness. In Lee County, Senior Services of Catholic Charities offers a telephone reassurance project, case management, health assessment and coordination of in-home services for low-income seniors who are isolated and/or frail persons. This program is offered out of the Elderly Services of Catholic Charities, located in Ft. Myers. As we will see later, a senior support service program will eventually be operated out of the proposed housing project, Blessed Pope John XXIII Manor.

## **FUND RAISING AND VOLUNTEERS**

The Sponsor's grass roots orientation allows it to attract donations and support from communities and in turn redirects these funds to serve the needy within these communities. Fund raising includes a number of sources and uses for funds, as witnessed below:

**Revenues: For Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Grants and United Ways  
Contributions  
Diocese-Catholic Faith Appeal  
Service Fees  
Special Events  
Catholic and Other Organizations  
All Other  
**Total**

[REDACTED]

**Expenditures: For Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Direct Assistance/Family Support Services  
Refugee/Entrants Services  
Specialized Education Services  
Counseling/Pregnancy Services  
Immigration Services  
Shelter Services  
General/Management Services  
All Other  
Fundraising and Newsletter  
**Total**

[REDACTED]

**Catholic Charities Foundation**

One of the most widely recognized fund raising/philanthropic efforts involves the Catholic Charities Foundation. The Foundation was created in 1999 in order to begin the task of building an endowment fund, the proceeds of which will help Catholic Charities to provide uninterrupted services to the poor every year.

Gifts to the Foundation are invested wisely and the interest income will be used to provide help for children and families, to assist migrant farm worker families and give emergency assistance to the poor.

For one in every 28 of our neighbors in the ten-county area of the Diocese of Venice, Catholic Charities is frequently the only hope. Catholic Charities expertly helps people in need without regard to religious preference, race, or economic circumstance. It provides this help through 16

agencies across the ten-county area, with 76 professional caring staff members aided by over 700 dedicated volunteers.

Over the years, the primary source of philanthropic financial support for Catholic Charities programs has come from parishioners of the Catholic Diocese of Venice through free-will offerings made to the Bishop's Faith Appeal conducted through the local parishes. This vital support now generates more than \$700,000 per year (not including Diocesan donations of goods, services, and use of property) and has accounted for more than one quarter of the Catholic Charities nearly \$3 million annual budget.

However, even though the Bishop's Faith Appeal continues to grow, the population is growing at a dramatic pace, as are the social service needs of more and more people in the area. To relieve these tremendous financial pressures Catholic Charities has begun making a concerted effort to acquire additional private and public grant support.

A number of community leaders have established the Catholic Charities Foundation to lead this effort. The Foundation is building an endowment where the proceeds will be utilized to strengthen existing successful programs and to initiate new strategies to meet emerging social needs.

The provision of help comes in the following ways:

- **Emergency Assistance** – Food, medication, and financial aid, especially to pay rent and utilities for individuals and families.
- **Counseling and Mental Health Services** – Family and marital counseling offered to individuals, couples or in focused peer groups.
- **Pregnant Services** – Housing, support and counseling for pregnant women and young mothers.
- **Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services** – Reception, reunification with family, education services employment services, health services, language and civic education, housing placement and legal services toward citizenship.
- **Education and Family Support Services** – Family life education, values clarification, parenting education, and tutoring.
- **Social Support Services** – Respite care, transportation services, employment services, friendly visits, case management, and information and referral services.

- **Permanent Housing Service** – Helping low-income families achieve home ownership.

For this purpose the Catholic Charities Foundation has established the following designations:

*For Children*

- Child day care scholarship for a child - 6 months: \$2,250
- Counseling for a child with family related problems - 6 months: \$1,625
- After school tutoring for one under-achieving child - 1 year: \$1,125

*To Support Families*

- Marriage counseling for a family in crisis - 6 months: \$1,500
- Mental health counseling - 1 year: \$3,000
- Respite for a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's -1year: \$1,250
- Home and job search for one refugee family: \$500

*For Emergency Assistance*

- Medication for an older person's chronic health condition -1 year: \$4,600
- Emergency food for one "working poor" family -1 month: \$900
- Limited financial assistance with rent, utilities or medical supplies: \$500

*For Changing Lives*

- Shelter for a young single mother and her infant -1 year \$12,000
- Home ownership for one family with a low Income: \$700
- Citizenship services for an immigrant/migrant farm worker family: \$800

**Volunteers**

The Sponsor depends heavily upon volunteers to further its mission. Volunteers participate in programs offered at the local parish (Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church), in association with Catholic Charities and in association with Catholic Volunteers of Florida.

With respect to Blessed Pope John XXIII, staff estimates that over 300 parishioners volunteer in one form or another. Many of these volunteers assist the elderly and poor within the immediate area.

With respect to Catholic Charities, in 2008 over 700 volunteers gave their time to the needy. This

volunteer assistance was essential in serving the needs of over 48,000 residents within the ten-county area.

One additional source of volunteers comes by way of Catholic Volunteers of Florida. Catholic Volunteers of Florida is dedicated to providing people the opportunity to live out their faith by serving those with the greatest need. Catholic Volunteers work towards justice and peace, positively transforming the communities they serve as well as themselves. CVIF contains two groups:

**CVIF LAY VOLUNTEERS** – Those who serve full-time (40 hours per week) for at least one year, and are part of the CVIF service and development program. Through the years this has been a diverse group. Approximately two-thirds of the volunteers have been/are in their mid-20's to early 30's, and one-third over 55 years of age. Volunteers are single, married, widowed, divorced (all without dependents), from all over the United States, and from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

**SUPPORT PEOPLE** – Those who assist in all aspects of CVIF operations. This group includes office volunteers, regional contacts, the board of directors, the application review board, training town, donors, supporters, and friends.

CVs are involved in social work, shelters, health care, food banks, legal services, teaching, working with farm workers, senior citizens, and in other fields. Each volunteer's placement is a careful match between their skills and interests, the needs of the service sites and available resources. Placement is made to facilitate each volunteer's response to a "call" service. Full-time volunteerism demands flexibility, commitment and vision-it is much more than a "job" (See attached for information on the CVIF program).

## **HUD HOUSING EXPERIENCE OF THE DIOCESE**

The Diocese of Venice has in operation four Section 202 supportive housing facilities for the elderly, and one under construction. The following is a description of each of the four projects:

- Villa San Carlos is a 50-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Port Charlotte, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation September 30, 1984. The facility went into occupancy October, 1986. The facility is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. During the twelve years of operation of the facility, there have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The retained managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Villa San Carlos II Apartments is a 54-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Port Charlotte, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund

reservation February, 1992. The facility went into occupancy July 1995. Villa San Carlos II is 100 percent occupied with a waiting list. There have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.

- Casa Santa Marta Is a 78-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Sarasota, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation September, 1980. The facility went into occupancy July, 1982. Casa Santa Marta is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Casa Santa Marta II Apartments is a 52-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Sarasota, Florida. The Diocese was awarded a Section 202 fund reservation February, 1992. The facility went into occupancy June, 1995. Casa Santa Marta II is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. There have been no unresolved rental delinquencies. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Villa San Marcos is a 81-unit Section 202 housing facility for the elderly located in Venice, Florida. The facility went into occupancy in 2002. It is 100 percent occupied with an extensive waiting list. The managing agent is SPM, LLC.
- Villa Vicente is a 68-unit project funded in FY 2001 and will be located in Ft. Myers. The Sponsor is now preparing the firm commitment application for submittal to the HUD Jacksonville office.
- Holy Cross Manor is a 68-unit project funded in 2003. It is located adjacent to Holy Cross Catholic Church and is 100% occupied. It should be noted that the parish spent over \$200,000 of its own resources to extend utilities for this project.
- Holy Cross Manor II will be another 68-unit project adjacent to Holy Cross Manor. This project was funded in 2008/2009 and construction is projected to commence at the end of 2009.

The success of these projects can be measured by the testimony of their residents. Attached are letters from residents of Casa Santa Marta I and II, Villa San Carlos, and Holy Cross Manor, who comment on the familial atmosphere, the quality of the personnel, and the easy access to neighborhood amenities that the Diocesan housing affords them.

In addition to elderly housing, the Diocese oversees two other housing projects: Clare House in Fort Myers, which provides residence for six single parent families; and Our Mother's House in Venice, which also provides residence for six mothers and their infants. The homes were converted by Catholic Charities from other uses without any assistance from any other State or Federal agency. Both homes are administered by the District Administrators, who possess Master degrees in Social Work.

In Palmetto (Manatee County), the Diocese is providing a HUD-approved home ownership

counseling program for low and moderate Income households. This program, which is free of charge, is particularly geared to Hispanic/Latino families who seek to purchase their own homes.

## **PAST SPONSOR PERFORMANCE**

The Sponsor has been an active participant in the HUD Section 202 program. The Sponsor has worked diligently to meet HUD mandated submission schedules, as well as project budgets. **Since 2004, no Sponsor projects have required amendment funds.** Of the eight projects (see table on previous page), including those funded prior to 2004, only Holy Cross Manor needed amendment funds. These funds were needed due to the following; i) site conditions increased the cost of site development, primarily due to the need to extend both water and sewer and to utilize a lift station to access a sewer force main; ii) the project was developed during an over-heated real estate and construction market, partly due to several hurricanes driving the cost of construction up over a very short time period; and iii) due to the absence of utilities on the county land, the Sponsor had to annex the site into the City. This process was both time consuming and expensive, but ultimately successful. **None of the eight projects were extended beyond the HUD prescribed period of 24 months for initial closing or 36 months for fund reservation.**

## **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

The Diocese has long realized that the provision of housing is but one element to a senior's existence. By providing a host of support services, the independence of each and every resident is increased and overall health improved. The following is a list of some of the supportive services provided at Diocesan sponsored projects;

- Food Bank – distribution of food to needy residents
- SHARE Volunteer Food Purchase program – Food for needy residents
- Medicare/Medicaid Benefit Counseling
- Monthly Health Screening for Eyes, Ears, and Blood Pressure
- Lifeline Assistance Program Sponsored by Verizon
- Liaison Services for the Deaf and Blind
- Assistance With the Purchase/Delivery of Prescription Medicine
- Meals on Wheels
- On-site Social and Recreational Programs
- Coordinating Transportation for Residents
- Nutritional Education and Consultation

These services are supplemented by services provided by Catholic Charities. In 1968, the Diocese established Catholic Charities to provide social and economic services to the needy of the community. With help from the Diocese, the United States Catholic Conference, and Lee County, Catholic Charities provides the following services for the elderly in residents;

- **The "Care Connection" Respite Program** is located at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills, Citrus County, Florida. The mission of the "Care Connection" Respite program is to provide a quality, caring, community, center-based, professional caregiver respite program for individuals affected with Alzheimer's and other dementia related illness residing in Citrus County. The program provides affordable respite services one half-day per week. Other services available through the program include assessment, case management, care givers' support groups, clinical counseling, health screenings, as well as community information and referral. Funding for this program has been provided in part by a grant from the Brookdale/FAVOR Foundation.
- **The Interfaith Care givers Program** is an innovative, collaborative partnership between Catholic Charities and the Interfaith Coalition of Hernando County, Inc. The mission of the Interfaith Care givers Program is to provide elder care education and support services to congregational communities of all faiths in Hernando County. The program's initial goal is to provide education and training on elder issues to church communities in Hernando County. In addition, the program provides volunteer training and technical support to existing and new church-based ministries for the care of the Elderly.
- **The Elder care Program** is a volunteer-based program providing services to low income elderly who are homebound. Through a volunteer-client match, the program provides visitation; telephone support; assistance with food shopping or essential errands; light meal preparation; light housekeeping; small repairs; and transportation to obtain essential services, among others. An extensive library of resources is available for elderly and their families. The Elder care Program through its Parish Connections component further provides technical assistance, workshops and speaker's bureau for Catholic Parishes wishing to begin or expand their parish-based elder care programs.

Supplementing the experience and wide-range of elder programs/services is Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. As with all projects sponsored by the Diocese, it is done in conjunction with a local parish. The Diocese has long realized that residents are positively impacted when associating a local church with a housing project. The local church is able to provide support services that are located in close proximity, so that the elderly residents may utilize these.

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## **OUTREACH TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITY**

The FHEO division of HUD looks at five factors when evaluating an applicant's outreach to the community. A total of 15 points is possible for sponsors that can demonstrate, to FHEO's satisfaction, involvement and outreach to the minority as judged by the following factors:

- 1(b)(1) — Experience in providing housing and/or support services to minorities
- 1(b)(2) — Document relationship over time with minority residents and the minority community.
- 3(c) — Suitability of the site, in that it provides opportunities to minorities
- 2(b) — Document that the project involves elements of such planning documents as the "Impediments to Fair Housing".
- 3(e) — The inclusion of the target population in development of the application

The following paragraphs demonstrate how the Sponsor affirmatively answers each of these FHEO factors.

The Sponsor has a long history of outreach to the minority community. This outreach effort starts with the Sponsor's efforts to hire minorities and continues with finding ways to better serve the minority community. This brief narrative addresses some of the needs within the minority community and how the Sponsors has responded or plans to respond to these needs. Evidence of the Sponsor's ties with the minority community is demonstrated by support letters, which can be found in Exhibit 3(d).

The Sponsor is keenly aware of its responsibility to serve residents of Lee County, regardless of their income, family status, race or sex. This narrative presents why the Sponsor has and will continue to aggressively serve all residents of the County.

The Diocese of Venice has a long history of serving elderly persons, regardless of ethnic origin. A review of the Sponsor's housing experience (at its existing Section 202 projects), shows that over 57 percent of all projects have a minority residential population which exceed that in the market area. This reveals that the Sponsor has been effective in promoting housing opportunities for minorities and encouraging minority elderly to avail themselves of such opportunity.

***Ties to the Elderly and Minority Community:*** In addition to its elderly housing, the Sponsor has addressed the needs of the elderly via establishing a Commission for Older Catholics. This

Commission seeks to coordinate and facilitate an ever increasing demand for services and spiritual support to the elderly. Outreach programs for the elderly, such as "Senior's Society" at St. Vincent de Paul Church, continue to be promoted on the parish level In an effort to meet the needs of this growing population.

On a more local level, Blessed Pope John XXIII offers senior programs in which seniors can participate in recreational, social, educational, and direct assistance services. In addition, a **Senior Elderly Advisory Committee** has been assembled to provide input into the HUD 202 application process. **This Committee is made up with both minority/non-minority elderly residents from both inside/outside of Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church. The inaugural meeting was held at Blessed Pope John XXIII's sister parish, Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church in Ft. Myers. Meeting minutes and sign-in sheets are attached.**

In addition, the Sponsor has secured multiple letters from minority residents which demonstrate the Sponsor's commitment and sensitivity to the needs of an ethnically diverse resident population.

As mentioned earlier in this exhibit, the Diocese's commitment to the minority population is most evident in its ministry and service to the migrant farm workers (Hispanics and Haitians) with programs and outreach activities conducted throughout the ten-county regions. Social services and religious education programs as well as advocacy roles and legalization classes are but a few of the services currently provided, within the adjacent Blessed Pope John XXIII Church. **This congregation has a history of reaching out to minority residents through programs which include; (i) direct assistance to Spanish migrant farm workers; (ii) bi-lingual masses and social service programs; and (iii) partnerships with the local minority churches, which include offering programs and facilities for the use of these churches.**

***Sponsor Facilities:*** The following is a list of affordable elderly projects, owned/operated by the Sponsor, and a description of the neighborhoods these facilities are located in. *It should be noted that at over 70 percent of all Sponsor facilities, the minority population at the facility is equal to or greater than the minority population within the neighborhood. This is a testament of the Sponsor's ability to aggressively market units to all residents regardless of their ethnic origin.*

### Diocese of Venice – Survey of Sponsor Supported Senior Housing

<u>Project Name/Address</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Percentage Occupancy</u>	<u>Minority Residents</u>	<u>Wait List</u>	<u>Census Tract Neighborhood</u>	<u>% Minority within Tract</u>
Villa San Carlos 2550 Easy Street Port Charlotte, FL 33952	1986	HUD 202	49	100%	8%	6-8 mo	208 Mixed	9%
Villa San Carlos II 22250 Vick Street Port Charlotte, FL 33980	1995	HUD 202 PRAC	52	100%	37%	1-1 ½ yr	210 Non-minority	5%
Casa Santa Marta 1576 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Sarasota, FL 34236	1982	HUD 202	78	100%	13%	1 ½ yr	1.01 Mixed	13%
Casa Santa Marta II 800 N. Lemon Avenue Sarasota, FL 34236	1995	HUD 202 PRAC	54	100%	20%	2 yr	1.01 Minority	13%
Villa San Marcos 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	2002	HUD 202 PRAC	81	100%	2%	1 yr	302 Non-minority	11%
Villa Vincente 13031 Palm Beach Blvd Ft. Myers, FL 33905	2004	HUD 202 PRAC	60	100%	11%	9 months	302 Mixed	11%
Holy Cross Manor 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	2006	HUD 202 PRAC	68	100%	8% (a)	1 yr	14.01/2/2.52 Non-minority	0%
Holy Cross Manor II 504 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmetto, FL 34221	NA(b)	HUD 202 PRAC	68	NA	NA	NA	14.01/2/2.52 Non-minority	0%
<b>TOTAL/AVG</b>	—	---	<b>510</b>	—	16%	—	—	16%

(a) The City of Palmetto total minority population is 2.5 percent.

(b) Construction to start Fall 2009.

***Need For Housing Amongst Minority Residents:*** The 2000 Census indicates a disproportionately greater need regarding the correction of housing problems for minority households in Lee County. However, this is due to the income disparity that is also indicated in the 2000 Census. While the County's minority households represented 12 percent, minorities represent a much greater percentage of low-income households. However, other variables such as tenure and household type and size also play a significant role in this regard, as noted below in the following chart.

***Promoting Greater Housing Opportunities for Minorities:*** There are nine (9) HUD-assisted housing projects for low-income elderly in Lee County. Two of the existing projects are located in areas of minority concentrations, four are located in neighborhoods with a mixed population

and three are located in non-minority areas. The following is a summary of each of these projects.

Survey of Senior Housing in Lee County, Florida						
<u>Project Name/Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Percentage Occupancy</u>	<u>Waiting List</u>	<u>Census Tract</u>	<u>% Minority</u>
Ft. Myers Presbyterian Community 1925 Virginia Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-332-1050	HUD 202	180	100%	9 mo.	8	10%
Palm City Garden Apts 1625 Marsh Ave Ft. Myers, FL 33905 239-334-1303	HUD 202	100	100%	9 mo.	5.04	44%
Sandpiper Run 2075 Collier Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-931-0220	HUD 202 PRAC	59	100%	1 yr.	11	50%
Villa Vincente 13071 Palm Beach Blvd Fort Myers, FL 33905 239-693-1333	HUD 202 PRAC	60	100%	6 mo.	302	13%
Sunshine Villas 1200 Broad St W Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-9161	HUD 202	216	100%	6 mo.	403.04	16%
Sunshine Villas South 1291 Broad St W Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-9161	HUD 236	80	100%	6 mo.	403.4	16%
Woodward Manor 1301 Woodward Ct Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 239-369-1414	HUD 202	102	100%	1 yr.	403.04	16%
Hatton Rogers Apts 4250 Hatton B Rogers N. Fort Myers, FL 33903 239-995-6100	HUD 202 PRAC	54	100%	1 1/2 yr.	208	2%
Palm Harbor Apts 1081 Palm Ave N. Fort Myers, FL 33903 239-995-2600	HUD 202	81	100%	1 yr.	206	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>932</b>				
Lee County's Minority Population is 12.3%						

This is a situation where there is existing HUD-assisted housing for the elderly in both minority and non-minority areas. The proposed project would be located in Census Tract 401.06, which is a non-minority census tract.

The Sponsor will continue (with the proposed site) to promote and provide housing opportunities for minority elderly residents in the following three ways. Because the project is located adjacent to census tracts of minority concentration, minority residents will have easy access to this project. The Sponsor is dedicated to both the letter and spirit of equal opportunity. Secondly, a review of the Sponsor's housing experience at other sites reveals that the Sponsor will be effective in promoting housing opportunities for minorities and encouraging minority elderly to avail themselves of such opportunity. Third, Blessed Pope John XXIII enjoys a close working relationship with the Hispanic communities via their sister parish of Jesus the Worker Hispanic Mission Church in Ft. Myers. Outreach efforts will involve partnering with this church.

***Sponsor Experience in Fair Housing:*** Individual property managers regularly attend fair housing training. Attached to this Fair Housing Narrative are details on this training.

#### **Relationship with Minority Residents Organizations over Time**

Serving minority residents and working with minority organizations is not something that the Sponsor started recently. This idea is integrated to the Sponsor's mission and has been done since its inception. As previously noted, most all of the Sponsor's projects and/or programs serve minority populations at or greater than that which exists within the market place. The Sponsor has been able to achieve these results by utilizing minority-based newspapers when placing ads and by partnering with minority organizations to distribute project information and brochures.

At the end of this section are samples of Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans and newspaper ads placed in minority papers. The following is a sample list of some selected organizations and papers the Sponsor utilizes when reaching out to minority residents.

- Hispanic American Alliance (Hispanic)
- Tempo Magazine (African-American)
- NAACP (African-American)
- North River News (African-American)
- Neighbors (African-American)
- Filipino American Association of SW Florida (Hispanic)

## **Fair Housing Impediments**

The purpose of designing and implementing the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for Lee County (AI) was to fulfill the Certifications made by Lee County BOCC in its Consolidated Plan. The AI represents year one's accomplishment of a Five-Year Fair Housing Strategic Plan. Lee County's AI was based on a model fair housing analysis provided by HUD to county staff at a Fair Housing Workshop in early October 1995. The AI included a review of Lee County's demographics related to housing patterns by race. It also reviewed lending practices, availability of fair housing information, knowledge of fair housing practices, availability of public transportation in relation to work areas and other socio-economic factors, and reported the results two community-wide surveys regarding fair housing issues.

The AI revealed the need for an easier method for citizens to file fair housing complaints, and that the present county ordinance could be enforced more effectively. Certain historical factors attribute to this situation, viz. Lee County has not taken fair housing complaints since 1993. HUD has recently provided guidance emphasizing that fair housing ordinances be substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Law, and/or that grantee jurisdictions have programs that affirmatively further fair housing. In spite of Lee County's previous approach to fair housing, which included minimal educational outreach, the focus was on taking complaints. Merely taking complaints was not pro-active enough, according to HUD, to meet the standards of affirmatively furthering fair housing for Lee County residents. As a result, Lee County is actively providing fair housing education, training, education, outreach and awareness initiatives in its attempt to address these issues.

The AI further revealed the absence of a fair housing program, which was evident from the public's survey responses -- most respondents were not aware of fair housing issues. Survey questions focused on the public's perception of property appraisers, bankers, real estate professionals, and others in the housing business. Respondents generally favored county government becoming more pro-actively involved in the development of a fair housing program. Two other factors impacting fair housing in Lee County were decent, affordable, rental housing opportunities for migrants and/or farm workers, and substandard housing conditions in existing communities. These issues require pro-active measures in order to respond to critical areas of unmet need, as identified by the public. The AI concluded that county staff will develop program options for a core-service fair housing program. Currently, 80 grantee jurisdictions in the United States have a substantially equivalent fair housing ordinance. The AI suggests doing a program review of these jurisdictions in order to develop and implement a well-rounded Lee County program.